MINUTES

OF THE

106TH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

GERMAN
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM

OF

PENNSYLVANIA

AND

THE ADJACENT STATES.

CONVENED IN TRINITY CHURCH,

AT

READING, BERKS COUNTY, PA.,

ON THE

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, THE 3rd TO THE 7th OF APRIL,

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In accordance with a resolution of the last annual Synod, the members of the "German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States," assembled in the city of Reading, Berks county, Pa., on Saturday, the second day of April, A. D. 1853. In the evening at 7½ o'clock divine services were held, and Rev. J. Vogelbach preached from II. Corinthians 5, 6. 7: "Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: *For we walk by faith, not by sight.*"

On Quasimodogeniti Sunday at 9 o'clock A. M. the Ministers and Lay-delegates convened in the residence of the pastor loci, Rev. Dr. J. W. Richards, and according to our ancient custom, went in procession to Trinity church, where the services of God commenced at 10 o'clock. The Rev. G. A. Reichert preached the Synodical Sermon from Mark 16, 15. 16: "And he (Jesus) said into them, (his disciples,) *Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved; but he that believeth not, shall be damned.*"

In the afternoon the Rev. W. J. Eyer, Secretary of the Ministerium, preached from Philippians 2, 9—11: "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth: *and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*" The services preparatory to the Holy Communion were then performed. After which the Brethren united in partaking of the *Sacrament of the Holy Supper.* May the body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve us in the true faith, unto eternal life. Amen. In the evening the Rev. Dr. J. C. Baker, Treasurer of the Ministerium, preached in the english language from James 1, 12—15: "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted

of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lusts and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."

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Names of Ministers who were received as members during this annual Ministerial Convention:

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Rev. *Georgii*,	Camden, N. J.	Hugo Schauer.
" *B. M. Schmucker*,	Allentown.	
" *G. W. Laitzle*,	Palmyra.	
" *Julius Ehrhard*,	Chambersburg.	

The following members were absent, viz:

Rev. *D. Ulrich*,	Stauchsburg,	excused.
Sen. Min. *W. Bætis*,	Lancaster,	"
Rev. *J. W. Hemping*,	Millerstown,	"
" *J. J. Strein*,	Lancaster,	"
" *H. G. Stecher*,	Hummelstown,	"
" *S. A. Mealy*,	Canton, Ohio,	
" *C. P. Miller*,	Bucksville,	
" *J. B. Gross*,	Fayette, N. Y.	"
" *G. Schultze*,	Williamsport,	
" *G. M. Mærz*,	Chambersburg,	"
" *C. F. Stœver*,	Dauphin,	"
" *J. F. Wilken*,	Wartburg, Tenn,	
" *C. L. Erle*,	Cherryville,	
" *H. Garlichs*,	Brooklyn, N. Y.	"
" *C. G. A. Neumann*,	Upper Mahantongo,	
" *W. M. Heilig*,	Middletown,	"
" *C. A. F. Popp*,	Birmingham,	"
" *A. Lachenmeyer*,		"
" *L. Heydenreich*,	Bethlehem,	"
" *J. Naschold*,	Chambersburg,	"
Cand. *D. Garver*,	Springfield, Ill.	"
" *C. Nitterauer*,	Dauphin,	"

The following Delegates from other Synods appeared and were received, viz: Rev. J. C. Duy, from the Ev. Lutheran Ministerium of New York, as a full member; Rev. Dr. J. G. Morris, from the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Maryland; Rev. E. W. Hutter, from the Ev. Lutheran Synod of East Pennsylvania; Rev. Dr. C. P. Krauth, from the Ev. Lutheran Synod of West Pennsylvania; Rev. Messrs. A. S. Leinbach and M. Kiefer, from the German Reformed Synod.

The following Brethren were received as advisory members during the sessions: Rev. Dr. H. N. Pohlman, Rev. B. Keller, Rev. J. A. Brown, Pastor of St. Matthews church, Reading; Rev. W. Gerhard, Prof. H. L. Baugher, D. D., Rev. Dr. T. Stork, Rev. W. A. Passavant, Rev. Paul Anderson, Pastor of the Sweedish Lutheran church of Chicago; Rev. A. Widekind, Rev. Dr. C. A. Smith, Rev. F. Bogen, Rev. C. T. Weitsel, and Rev. Messrs. N. W. Gærtner and ——— Richards of the Presbyterian church.

Thus constituted, the Synod was composed of 120 members.

The President now read his annual Report, which was received and referred to a committee.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

TO THE "EVANG. LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA AND THE ADJACENT STATES,"

CONVENED IN READING, PA., ON THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, (APRIL 3d) 1853, AND THE FOLLOWING DAYS.

Fathers and Brethren in the Lord!

"Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ." Assembled again, for the purpose of mutually deliberating upon the welfare of the Church of Jesus, I have the honor, as my duty requires, to present to this reverend body my annual report in the following order:

I. Deaths.

We are not all here present, for it has pleased the Lord in the past year, to call one of our brethren to his eternal home. Br. Conrad Miller died on the 9th day of October 1852 in Falconer Swamp, in the 55th year of his age. His disease was Typhus fever. The Synod will hold him in remembrance and pay the proper respect to his memory. May we all, by his departure from this life, be made more mindful of our own, that we may at last be found as watching servants.

II. Ministerial Changes, &c.

A. D. 1852.

1. Br. Wagner informed me that he had resigned the Hinnerschütz congregation. See No. 1.

2. A letter from the congregation of Allentown, asking for a minister. I proposed several brethren to them. See No. 3.

3. A letter from Br. C. Jæger, in which he informs me that he cannot attend to the congregation in Manayunk, because the congregation of Wilmington considers it inconvenient. No. 5.

4. On the 6th of July Br. T. T. Jæger notified me that he had taken charge of the Meyerstown congregation.

5. In the month of August the Allentown congregation requested me to propose to them a suitable person as *English* minister. I did so with good success. No. 6.

6. August 22d Candidate C. Nitterauer asked permission to accept an unanimous call from the Dauphin congregation. It was granted. No. 7.

7. September 3d I received a letter from Rev. C. Popp, in which he informs me that he had taken charge of the congregation in Birmingham, neat Pittsburg, and that the congregation had, in compliance with the resolution of Synod, assigned to him his proper position in their church-council as President, and intended to unite with the Synod. He therefore asks for the contribution of $100 promised to the congregation. No. 9.

8. Sept. 17th I received a letter from Br. Friedrich requesting a minister for East-Liberty. I knew of none suitable for that station. No. 10.

9. Sept. 18th I received a letter from Rev. P. F. Feysel informing me that he had taken charge of seven congregations at Hanging Rock, Lawrence county, Ohio. Quere: Shall his name be continued on our list? No. 12.

10. Sept. 27th I received a letter from Rev. Hinterleitner, asking permission to visit the Hinnerschütz congregation as a candidate for election. I permitted him to do as he thought proper. No. 13.

11. October 12th I received a letter from Br. Mengert, communicating that he had taken charge of St. Stephen's church in Baltimore and asking for a dismission to the Synod of Maryland. No. 15.

12. Oct. 15th. The Rev. B. M. Schmucker wrote to me that he had taken charge of the English Ev. Lutheran congregation in Allentown, Pa., and intended to unite with our Synod. No. 17.

13. Oct. 22d. The Rev. W. G. Laitzle informed me, that he had taken charge of the Palmyra station, and desired to become a member of our Synod. He also transmitted to me an honorable dismission from the Ev. Lutheran Olive Branch Synod. This request and dismission are herewith laid before you. No. 18.

14. Oct. — Cand. Hinterleitner respectfully asked permission to take charge of several congregations in Friedensburg, &c., in the event of their becoming vacant. As Synod had contemplated forming a pastoral district there, I considered it to be my duty not to grant the request for the present. He afterwards asked permission to visit the Hill church, belonging to our deceased Br. C. Miller's district, which I also refused until that district had held a consultation on the subject. In doing thus, I believe to have acted in accordance with the views of Synod. Some time after he assured me that the other congregations composing the district, were satisfied with this arrangement, whereupon I granted the request. No. 20 & 28.

15. Oct. 25th. The Rev. A. Rüter, a candidate of the Ministerium of West Pennsylvania, wrote to me, and requested permission to take charge of the congregations in Millerstown, Rœhrerstown and Petersburg, in Lancaster county, and likewise made application to be received as a member of our Synod.—The former was granted him, the latter is herewith laid before the Ministerium, or rather, is first referred to the examining committee. No. 21.

16. Oct. 28th. Mr. Joel M. Grim applied to me for permission to preach in Tamaqua and two other congregations until the meeting of Synod, when he would present himself for examination. — For certain reasons, which I will not mention here, I granted his request, and placed him under the care of Br. W. G. Mennig.

17. Nov. 1st. Br. W. Baum communicated to me that he had resigned his charge in Middletown, and accepted a call to Barren Hill, in Montgomery county. No. 22.

18. On the same day Cand. W. Rath asked permission to take charge of the congregations in Northampton county, formerly under the pastoral care of Rev. Meendsen. It was granted. No. 23.

19. Nov. 3d. I received a letter from Mr. William M. Bickel, Trustee of the Ev. Lutheran congregation of Orwigsburg, Pa., asking for a worthy pastor for said congregation.—I answered the letter in the proper manner. No. 24.

20. Nov. 4th. I received a letter from Cand. Garver, asking advice in relation to certain special matters.—I gave it to him according to the best of my knowledge. No. 25.

21. Nov. 18th. I received a letter from the vestry of Trinity church, Lancaster, Pa., in which they mention that their pastor,

Dr. Baker, had resigned his pastorship of their congregation, and ask for another Minister.—I answered the letter respectfully. No. 27.

22. Nov. 21st. I received letters from Mr. Scheide, asking for advice in his present relations. I advised him as well as I could. No. 29.

23. Nov. 25th. Br. Naschold informed me that he had accepted a call from the Hinnerschütz congregation on the 17th of September.

24. Nov. 26. Cand. Rüter transmitted to me an honorable dismission from the West Pennsylvania Synod.—His dismission is herewith laid before Synod for action. No. 21.

25. Dec. 9th. I received a letter from Mr. Carl Mayer of Pittsburg, formerly a Catholic Priest in Cincinnati, Ohio, asking to be admitted into the Synod, &c.—He not having a congregation in our district, (if any elsewhere,) and the President having no right to admit a member into the Synod, I called his attention to his testimonials and invited him to our next Synod for examination, &c. No. 30.

26. Dec. 9th. Br. Heydenreich wrote to me that he had taken charge of the congregation at Manayunk. No. 31.

27. On the same day, I received letters from Br. Schwankowsky and Br. Lachenmeyer, both communicating to me that they had resigned their stations in the German Ev. Lutheran congregations in Chambersburg, and asking for other stations;—I however knew of none for them in our Synod. No. 32, 33.

28. Dec. 24th. I received a communication from the Rev. J. N. Hoffman, President of the West Pennsylvania Synod, notifying me that that Synod had adopted a resolution to co-operate with our Synod, for the purpose of inviting other Synods to connect themselves with us, with the General Synod, (which was also done by the Maryland Synod,) and inquiring how this resolution may be mutually carried out in the best manner.—I communicated to him my views on the subject, and referred him to the chairman of our committee.

29. Dec. 20th. The church council of the second Ev. Lutheran congregation of Chambersburg requested me to send them a pastor.—I recommended several brethren to them. No. 35.

30. Dec. 27th. Br. Nathan Jæger communicated to me that he had accepted a call from the congregations, lately under the care of our deceased Br. Conrad Miller. No. 36.

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31. January 4th. Br. Scheide communicated to me, that in accordance with the understanding of Conference, he had resigned the charge of the Orwigsburg, McKeansburg, Little Schuylkill and Lewistown congregations, and moved to Hamburg. No. 37.

32. Jan. 5th. I received a letter from Rev. E. S. Henry, who had taken charge of several of our congregations in Pinegrove, &c. He requested permission to unite with the East Pennsylvania Synod.—I answered, that in-as-much as he did not belong to our Synod, I could do nothing in the matter, and that it would be more proper to connect himself with the Synod with which the congregations were already connected. No. 38.

33. Jan. 8th. Rev. C. C. A. Brandt communicated to me that he now ministered to a congregation in Pine Creek, Jefferson county, in connection with his other congregations, and that all things are now prosperous in his pastoral district.

34. Jan. — Br. Naschold notified me that he had accepted a call from the second German Ev. Lutheran congregation of Chambersburg, and resigned the pastoral charge of the Hinnerschütz church.

35. Febr. 10th. Br. Hinterleitner communicated to me that the Lobach congregation had elected him their pastor, without any action on his part, &c., and requested permission to minister to them. No. 40.

Not wishing to give any decision in the matter, as I believed the Synod desired to form a pastoral district there, and as the welfare of those congregations really seems to require, I gave him permission to preach there only until the meeting of Synod, that Synod itself may decide upon the subject,—and whatever may be done will be satisfactory to me.

36. Febr. 12th. A complaint was entered by the 4th Conference against the Rev. J. C. Barnitz, which, in accordance with my duty, I herewith lay before Synod for investigation.—I notified Br. Barnitz of it on the 14th of the same month. No. 41.

37. Febr. 16th. Br. Vogelbach informed me that he had some time previous taken charge of the German Ev. Lutheran congregation of Allentown.

38. Febr. 17th. I received a letter from the church council of the St. John's German congregation in Chambersburg, in which they declare their congregation to be vacant and petition for a pastor, and at the same time give an account of their condition. No. 42.

39. Febr. 18th. Br. Scheide asked permission, to preach a visit-sermon (as I understand it) at Leesport. I had to refuse granting it, as Br. Wagner regarded this as an interference in his congregation. No.43.

40. Febr. 24th. The congregation of Pinegrove declares itself vacant and invites Mr. Naschold or some other brother to visit them. Mr. Naschold could not go. This congregation is consequently still vacant. No. 44.

41. Febr. 26th. I received a letter from Br. Walz. He communicates that he had organized a new congregation at St. Clair, Schuylkill county. No. 45.

42. March 3d. The proceedings of the 5th Conference district were sent to me. No. 46.

43. On the same day Cand. Rüter asked permission to preach in the Ev. Lutheran church of Marietta in the German language. It was granted him in case the pastor of the congregation gave his consent. No. 47.

44. March 7th. I received a petition from the Ev. Lutheran congregation of Norwalk, Huron county, Ohio, for aid, to save their church from being sold.—I refer this to Synod for action. No. 48.

45. March 11th. Application was made by G. F. Gærtner for examination. No. 49.

46. On the same day application for examination was also made by J. Fry and Mr. Wright, Students of the Seminary at Gettysburg. No. 50.

47. March 17th. Application was made by Rev. T. Kleiss, to be received into our Ministerium. No. 51.

48. March 18th. Rev. G. F. Krotel notified me that he had re-

signed the pastoral care of the church in Lebanon and accepted a call to Trinity church in Lancaster city. No. 52.

49. March 18th. I received a communication from three men who represent themselves as members of the union Punxunstawny church, and express their dissatisfaction with the state of things in said church. No. 53.

50. March 22d. I received a letter from Br. Kühn, who desires a dismission to the Synod of Buffalo. No. 54.

51. March 23d. Cand. Garver communicated to me that he was appointed Tutor in the Ev. Lutheran Illinois State University. He asks for a renewal of his license, to be excused on account of absence, &c. He also hopes to receive a few copies of our this year's proceedings. No. 55.

52. March 23d. I received a letter from Br. Mengert, in which he represents the destitution of his congregation, and asks for a dismission to the Maryland Synod, because the charter of his congregation requires him to be connected with that body. No. 56.

53. March 25th. Br. Schwankowsky informed me that he had accepted a call from Zelienople, and therefore desired an honorable dismission to the Eastern District Synod of Ohio. No. 57.

54. March 29th. The congregation of Pinegrove desired a German minister from our Synod. No. 58.

55. March 29th. Br. Walz communicated to me that he had learnt that a certain Mr. Kühnle had bequeathed to the Synod $300 for synodical and missionary purposes—but that a certain lawyer endeavored to destroy the legality of the bequest. He desires me to lay this information before Synod, that they may act in the matter—which I herewith do. No. 59.

56. March 30th. I received a communication from a Conference of Ev. Lutheran ministers of New York city and vicinity, in which they wish to express their desires to Synod in reference to the Liturgy, viz: that the work of revision should be continued for another year, and how the obligations at the reception into the ministerial office should be worded. No. 60.

57. March 30th. The Brethren Hemping and Ulrich ask to be excused on account of absence, on the ground of age and sickness. No. 61.

58. Br. Sondhaus has accepted a call to the Elizabethtown congregation.

Several other documents were received too late to be noticed in my report, but which shall nevertheless be laid before Synod.

III. Resolution of Synod referred to the President.

A. D. 1852, June 29th the resolution of the Synod in regard to M. Harpel's congregations was carried out by the officers of Synod, to which however no answer was returned.

IV. The European Legacies.

A. D. 1852, Sept. 27th. Dr. Demme wrote to me that he had received $150 interest from the Streit legacy, for our Synod.

V. Application for Membership.

1. Application for *reception by ministers* of other Ev. Lutheran Synods.

A. D. 1852.

a) June 18th. Rev. Daniel Maier of Harrisburg sent me his honorable dismission, and is therefore, according to the resolution of Synod, a member of our Synod. No. 2.

b) June 24th. Br. W. Baum of Middletown transmitted to me his honorable dismission, and is now a member of our Synod. No. 4.

c) October 22d. Br. W. Laitzle of Palmyra sent me an honorable dismission from the Ev. Lutheran Olive Branch Synod, and asks for admission into our body. No. 18.

d) Oct. 25th. Cand. A. Rüter of the West Pennsylvania Synod sent his license and dismission, and asks for admission into our Synod. No. 21.

e) March 17th, A. D. 1853. The Rev. T. Kleiss made application for admission into our Synod.

2. Application for *licensure* &c., by *Students*.

A. D. 1852.

a) Oct. 28th. Mr. Joel Grimm of Tamaqua made application for license after examination.

b) Dec. 9th. An application from Mr. Charles Mayer of Pittsburg. No. 30.

c) Dec. — An application from Mr. Engler for examination and licensure.

A. D. 1853.

d) March 11th. An application from Mr. G. F. Gærtner of Lebanon, &c., Pa., for examination, &c.

e) March 11th from Mr. Jacob Fry, and *f*) Mr. Wright, Students at Gettysburg.

g) March 11th. Mr. Joh. S. Crumbaugh, teacher in Lancaster, for examination, &c. No. 50.

h) April 2d from B. Schmauk, Student, of Philadelphia.

i) Same day, Mr. Merbitz, Student, of Gettysburg.

j k) Same day, from Mr. Bogen and Mr. Scheremberg, Students.

VI. New Districts and Congregations formed, &c.

1. A congregation at the Tulpehoccon, two miles from Reading, at the time they were not supplied with a pastor, but have since elected Br. J. C. Schmidt.

2. A congregation at St. Clair, Schuylkill county, organized by Br. Walz, A. D. 1853.

3. A congregation organized by Br. Brandt in Pine Creek, Jefferson county.

Not all have been reported which is to be regretted.

VII. Corner-Stones laid and Churches erected.

I. Corner-Stones. A. D. 1852.

1. July 4th. The corner-stone was laid for a Union church at *Catasaqua*, Lehigh county.

2. August 8th. I laid the corner-stone to the second church of the Augustus Ev. Lutheran congregation at the Trappe, at that time without a minister, but now under the pastoral care of Br. Wenzel. My Grandfather, H. M. Muhlenberg, D. D., laid the corner-stone to the first church (which is still standing, but is now too small, and

beside which he lies buried) about 109 years ago. The same text was used on both occasions. Prosperity to it!

3. The corner-stone of an *Ev. Lutheran* church in Punxunstawny, Jefferson county, is soon to be laid by Rev. C. C. A. Brandt. No. 19.

4. The corner-stone of a *Union* church in Pike township, Berks county.

5. The corner-stone of an *Ev. Lutheran* church is to be laid in Wrightsville, Lancaster county, by Br. Crist.

II. Consecrations. A. D. 1852.

1. August 15th. A new *German Ev. Lutheran* church in Cattawissa was consecrated by Br. Eyer. There are now two Ev. Lutheran churches there, one entirely English, and one entirely German. No. 8.

2. Sept. 5th. A *Union* church in Port Carbon was consecrated by Br. Walz. No. 11.

3. Oct. 17th. The consecration of a *Union* church at the Tulpehoccon.

4. On the same day, the consecration of the *Ev. Lutheran* Salem's church in Brady township, Clearfield county, by Rev. C. C. A. Brandt. No. 19.

5. Oct. 31st. The Festival of the Reformation—the consecration of Trinity church, Trenton, N. J., by Br. A. T. Geissenhainer.

6. Dec. 25th. The consecration of a *Union* church in Long Swamp, Berks county.

7. On the same day, the consecration of a *Union* church in Moore township, Northampton county.

8. The consecration of a *Union* church in Marietta,—and soon the improvement of the church in Maytown, by Br. Crist.

This list is also imperfect, because, with few exceptions, only such have been noticed, which came under my observation through the papers.

VIII. Dismissions, &c.

A. D. 1852.

July 3d. I transmitted, in accordance with the resolution of Synod, honorable dismissions to the following Brethren, viz: to Br. Zeumer and Br. Friederich to the Synod of Ohio; to Br. McCron to the Synod of New York; to the Brethren W. Gerhard, E. Breitenbach and Sell to the Synod of West Pennsylvania; and to Br. Focht to the Synod of Pittsburg.

Sept. 28th. Upon his request and according to a conditional resolution of Synod, to Br. E. W. Hutter to the Synod of East Pennsylvania.

A. D. 1853.

March 22d. Br. Kühn desires a dismission to the Synod of Buffalo. No. 54.

March 23d. Br. Mengert requests a dismission to the Synod of Maryland, because his congregation belongs to that body. No. 57.

IX. Vacant Charges.

1. Pinegrove.—2. Orwigsburg.—3. Berrysburg.—4. Hinnerschutz congregation. — 5. St. Johns in Chambersburg. — 6. Lebanon. — 7. Oley, &c. — 8. Manayunk. — 9. Colebrookdale (which should properly belong to the Elizabethtown congregation).

X. Missionary (and Education) Matters.

A. D. 1852. Dec. 9th. Rev. Heydenreich asks for aid for Manayunk for next year. No. 31.

The congregation at Wilmington also requests assistance for next year.

Others will be noticed in the Missionary report.

XI. Promiscuous Business.

A. D. 1852. October 12th. Br. Schwankowsky informed me that he had attended the meeting of the West Pennsylvania Synod as our delegate, and been received fraternally. No. 16.

XII. Suggestions of the President.

1. As we are now receiving a considerable amount of money into our hands, which is to be funded, and as we have likewise the direction of the Franklin professorship, may it not be necessary or at least highly advisable *to have our Synod incorporated?*

2. During the term of my office, I have too sensibly experienced, what a great *want* of ministers there is in the church, especially of those who preach in both languages; and this want will become still greater every year, in consequence of our great increase. I sought indeed to render assistance to needy students in our theological Seminaries with the legacies, &c.; but has not the time arrived, when we shall be inexcusable if we do not as a Synod form ourselves into a *Theological Education Society* for the purpose of promoting this important cause with more zeal and success?

3. The thought has occurred to me, whether it would not be more satisfactory and encouraging for our congregations and more advantageous to the good cause, if every congregation (instead of every pastoral district) were credited in our proceedings with their contributions to Missions, Education, Synod, and other purposes?

4. The Synod will rejoice, that "The Lutherville Female Institute," which was recommended last year to the patronage of our congregations, has good prospects of success. In our days, when almost all denominations have their boarding schools for young ladies into which they also seek to draw our daughters and to entice them from our church, should not the attention of the members of our congregations be directed to the support of our own schools, especially as they are, like this institute, exclusively under our own direction, without exerting a sectarian influence over the children of other denominations?

5. The President also takes the liberty of reminding of the good which would result therefrom, if every family of our congregations were to subscribe for a good religious paper of our church, and in general, support all our benevolent institutions, according to ability.

6. The question is proposed: whether it would not be attended with more blessed results, if no minister of our Synod were allowed to take charge of any congregation, nor to attend the corner-stone-laying &c. of any church, which declares itself free and independent of all Synods,—and further, if no aid from the missionary funds, or assistance from the legacies were afforded to any congregation which is not by its charter connected with an Ev. Lutheran Synod?

In conclusion, as the term of my office, thank God, has expired, I present my hearty thanks to the brethren for the love, the confidence

and patience which they have evinced toward me. If I have erred in any thing in my office, it was not knowingly; for I at all times acted with the upright desire to promote the welfare of the entire Synod and of every individual member. With this feeling of the most cordial benevolence towards All, I now lay down my office. May the Father in heaven bless every brother! May he bless our convention and direct all our proceedings by his holy spirit, that they may be transacted in the most fraternal manner, and be subservient to the honor of his name, the welfare of his church and the salvation of immortal souls, through Jesus Christ, the great Head of his church, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

JOHN W. RICHARDS,
p. h. t. President of the Ministerium.

Reading, Pa., April 4th, A. D. 1853.

The President then announced, that the officers' term of service had expired, and that the President and Secretary were not re-eligible. He appointed Rev. C. F. Welden and Dr. F. A. Muhlenberg as tellers, and the Synod proceeded to the election.

During the counting of the votes, permission was granted to the Rev. Mr. Pease, Corresp. Sec. of the Pennsylv. Colonization Society, and also to the Rev. Mr. Miller, General Agent of the Pennsylv. Sabbath Association, to address the Synod on the respective subjects of the Societies which they represent.

These gentlemen having concluded their remarks, the result of the election was announced, as follows, viz:

Rev. JOHN C. BAKER, D. D., of Philadelphia, *President*,
" A. T. GEISSENHAINER, of Trenton, N. J., *Secretary*,
" C. W. SCHÆFFER, of Germantown, *Treasurer*,
who immediately took their seats.

The papers of the ministers, delegates and applicants were then called for and handed in. Adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. F. W. Geissenhainer.

SECOND SESSION.

Monday, 2½ *o'clock, P. M.*

The session was opened with singing, and with prayer by Rev. C. F. Welden.

The President appointed the following committees:

I. Committees on papers laid before Synod.

First Committee—on the President's Report: Rev. Messrs. F. W. Geissenhainer, C. A. Hay, Dr. C. F. Schæffer, and Lay-delegates Dr. F. A. Muhlenberg and C. J. Ihrie.

Second Committee: Rev. Messrs. G. A. Reichert, G. A. Wenzel, S. Trumbauer, and Lay-delegates Benj. Gardner and F. B. Schalter.

Third Committee: Rev. Messrs. G. F. J. Jæger, W. J. Mann, E. Peixoto, and Lay-delegates John Kissner and Jacob Miller.

Fourth Committee: Rev. Messrs. H. S. Miller, J. Bahl, Joshua Jæger, and Lay-delegates John U. Kümmerlen and Leonard Miller.

Fifth Committee: Rev. Messrs. J. Schindel, A. Fuchs, L. G. Eggers, and Lay-delegates Henry Seidel and S. Grimm.

Sixth Committee: Rev. Messrs. C. F. Welden, W. G. Mennig, J. Vogelbach, and Lay-delegates Henry Gœtz and Rudolph Dech.

Seventh Committee: Rev. Messrs. F. A. M. Keller, C. A. Bauer, J. H. Mengert, and Lay-delegates Samuel Lindemuth and Andrew Kiefer.

Eighth Committee—on the proceedings of the Fourth Conference District: Rev. Messrs. W. J. Mann, C. A. Hay, Dr. Schæffer, W. M. Baum and F. W. Geissenhainer.

II. Committees on the Minutes of other Synods.

1. Synod of New York: Rev. J. Kohler.
2. Synod of West Pennsylvania: Rev. C. Rees.
3. Synod of East Pennsylvania: Rev. W. Weaver.
4. Synod of Ohio: Rev. M. Sondhaus.
5. Synod of the Western District of Ohio: Rev. D. Maier.
6. Synod of Virginia: Rev. N. Jæger.
7. Synod of Maryland: Rev. J. H. Menges.
8. Synod of Missouri: Rev. C. C. A. Brandt.
9. Olive Branch Synod: Rev. G. F. Krotel.
10. Synod of South-West: Rev. G. F. Miller.
11. Frankean Synod: Rev. S. K. Brobst.
12. Synod of German Reformed church: Rev. F. Walz.
13. Our last annual Synod: Rev. J. Rœller.
14. Pamphlet of the Female Institute in Lutherville: Rev. F. A. M. Keller.

The sermons, journals and other papers of the candidates were distributed among the ministers for inspection, examination and report thereon.

I. *Resolved*, That a standing committee be appointed, to be styled "the Committee on Annual Meetings," to which all invitations from congregations for the assembling of this Synod in their bounds, shall be presented, previous to the action of this Synod on them, and that said committee shall, at the close of each annual convention, present the names of cities or towns in which it may be desirable to hold the succeeding meeting of this body.

Committee: Rev. Dr. Schæffer, Rev. C. F. Welden and Rev. G. A. Reichert.

Rev. Dr. Demme asked to be discharged from the Examination Committee. His request was granted. The President appointed Rev. Dr. Richards in his stead.

The committee appointed at the last annual synodical meeting to prepare a report on "the sense in which this Synod employs the expression: *Confession of the Evangelical Lutheran church*," reported through Dr. Schæffer. Adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. G. F. J. Jæger.

This evening the Rev. Dr. Morris preached from Joh. 17, 24.

THIRD SESSION.

Tuesday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The session was opened with singing, and with prayer by Rev. G. A. Reichert.

The minutes of the preceeding session were read and adopted.

Mr. William Bock, Lay-delegate from the Orwigsburg pastoral district, requested Synod to supply said district with a pastor.

It was also mentioned that a Lay-delegate from the congregations in Lykens Valley was present, who had the same request to make in behalf of the congregations which he represented.

The Synod rejoiced, that these congregations had directed their petitions for ministers to this body, and it was therefore

II. *Resolved*, That the President be requested, as soon as he can find ministers who are willing to take charge of these stations, to notify the congregations thereof; however, that the delegates shall in the mean time have the privilege of making application to any of the ministers in our connection, for the purpose of being supplied with pastors.

III. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to whom all verbal requests from congregations shall be directed, that they may be brought before Synod in their proper order.

Committee: Rev. Messrs. E. Peixoto, J. Jæger and C. F. Welden.

Rev. W. J. Mann, from the committee which was authorized to prepare "an Explanation of the Catechism in questions and answers," reported that their work has been completed, and read the preface, and also that part of it which treats "of the Holy Sacraments," to Synod.

IV. *Resolved*, That the committee revise this work once more, translate it into English, and then cause it to be printed both in the German and English languages.

Rev. Dr. Demme made a report on the Liturgy. He read several portions of the same, and then submitted certain alterations and additions to Synod, which were decided upon.

Rev. C. W. Schæffer reported on the applications for examination and reception into Synod. The report was adopted.

V. *Resolved*, That the Examination Committee attend to the examination of the applicants, this year, as committee, and the ministers generally be invited to be present. Adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. J. Jæger.

FOURTH SESSION.

Tuesday, 1½ o'clock, P. M.

The session was opened with singing, and with prayer by Rev. A. Fuchs.

Rev. J. C. Duy, delegate of the Synod of New York, asked permission to leave on account of the illness of one of his children, and requested Synod to recognize the Rev. Dr. Pohlman as his substitute. Both requests were granted.

The subject relating to our re-union with the General Synod was now discussed, and the following preamble and resolutions considered separately and adopted:

Whereas the union of all parts of the whole Evangelical Lutheran church is highly desirable, and, whereas this Synod is deeply sensible of the duty, not only "to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace," but also to co-operate with our brethren of the household of faith in the promotion of every good work, for the general welfare of all parts of the entire church; therefore

VI. *Resolved*, 1st: That this Synod renew again its active connection with the so called "Evangelical Lutheran General Synod of the United States of North America," approving of the principles laid down in its Constitution for the Government of the several Evangelical Lutheran Synods of which it is composed, and in regard to their relation to each other, and their mutual active operations.

VII. *Resolved*, 2d: That this Synod regards the General Synod simply as an association of Evangelical Lutheran Synods, entertaining the same views of the fundamental doctrines of the gospel, as these are expressed in the Confessional writings of our Evangelical Lutheran Church, and especially in the *Unaltered Augsburg Confession*, and that we advert to the fact, that the General Synod is denied the right by its Constitution, of making any innovations or alterations of this faith. See Art. III, Sect. 2, §. 3, where it is said: "*But no General Synod can be allowed to possess or arrogate to itself the power,..... to introduce such alterations in matters appertaining to the faith..... as might in any way tend to burden the consciences of the brethren in Christ.*"

VIII. *Resolved*, 3d: That this Synod in its union with the General Synod, retains its own Constitution and form of Government, and also the right to regulate its own internal affairs as previous and heretofore.

IX. *Resolved*, 4th: That we neither intend nor ever expect, that the principles which have hitherto governed our Synod in respect to church doctrine and church life shall suffer any change whatever, by our connection with the General Synod; but that, should the General Synod violate its Constitution and require of our Synod or of any Synod, as a condition of admission or of continuation of membership, assent to any thing conflicting with the old and long established faith of the Evangelical Lutheran church, then our delegates are hereby required *to protest against such action*, to withdraw from its sessions, and to report to this body.

X. *Resolved*, 5th: That we again earnestly request the Synod of Ohio, and all other Evangelical Lutheran Synods that are not yet connected with the General Synod, to accede to the desire of the General Synod, to join us in uniting with it on the same principles, so that the individual parts of the Evangelical Lutheran church may labor unitedly and more efficiently for the general welfare of the whole church.

XI. *Resolved*, 6th: That the Secretary inform the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio immediately of the adoption of these resolutions (as it will meet shortly) and request that body, if it resolve also to join the General Synod with us, to unite in inducing other Synods to do the same, and to co-operate with us generally in the good cause.

XII. *Resolved*, 7th: That we present our sincere thanks to the Ev. Luth. Synods of West Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland &c.

for the fraternal manner in which they have co-operated with us in this matter, and ask their continued co-operation with us.

XIII. *Resolved*, 8th: That, at this Synodical Convention, we elect the required number of Delegates and their Alternates, to represent this body in the next General Synod.

XIV. *Resolved*, 9th: That we earnestly implore the great Head of the church, to accompany this action with divine blessing, so that it may redound to his glory, to our union and to the welfare of our beloved Zion.

At the final question: Whether these resolutions should be adopted as they are here given, the names of all the members of the Synod were called, and each one asked by the Secretary, whether he vote for or against their adoption? The result was that the following clerical members voted *for* their adoption, viz: Rev. Dr. J. C. Baker, Rev. F. W. Geissenhainer, Rev. S. Trumbauer, Rev. Dr. C. R. Demme, Rev. G. A. Reichert, Rev. W. J. Mann, Rev. J. Stein, Rev. W. J. Eyer, Rev. Dr. J. W. Richards, Rev. J. Bahl, Rev. H. S. Miller, Rev. J. Medtart, Rev. J. Schindel, Rev. Dr. C. F. Schæffer, Rev. J. C. Barnitz, Rev. C. W. Schæffer, Rev. L. G. Eggers, Rev. W. G. Mennig, Rev. A. T. Geissenhainer, Rev. C. A. Hay, Rev. E. A. Bauer, Rev. F. A. M. Keller, Rev. J. H. Mengert, Rev. J. Kohler, Rev. C. Rees, Rev. N. Jæger, Rev. J. C. Schmidt, Rev. F. Walz, Rev. D. Maier, Rev. W. M. Baum, Rev. G. F. Miller, Rev. G. F. Krotel, Rev. R. S. Wagner, Rev. J. H. Menges, Rev. J. Clemens Miller, Cand. G. W. Scheide, Cand. W. Rath.—37.

The following Lay-delegates also voted *for* their adoption, viz: Messrs. L. Bremer, John U. Kümmerlen, F. B. Schalter, L. Walter, S. Lindemuth, A. Kiefer, C. J. Ihrie, W. H. Lochman, W. Kinzer, Geo. D. Miller, J. Souders, J. Christman, G. Miller, Dr. F. A. Muhlenberg and Joseph Lauch.—15. 52.

The following clerical members voted *against* their adoption, viz: Rev. G. F. J. Jæger, Rev. E. Peixoto, Rev. W. B. Kæmmer, Rev. Joshua Jæger, Rev. C. F. Welden, Rev. J. Rœller, Rev. A. Fuchs, Rev. J. Vogelbach, Rev. C. F. Sallman, Rev. A. Bergner, Rov. S. K. Brobst, Cand. C. C. A. Brandt, Cand. G. Hinterleitner, Cand. J. Hornberger.—14.

The following Lay-delegates also voted *against* their adoption, viz: Messrs. A. Cressman, Jacob Miller, H. Seidel, S. Grimm, Rudolph Dech, Peter Klein, Horatio Trexler, Abr. Isett, John Miller, David Hendricks, W. Saltzer, H. Zilliox, D. Kutz, J. Coppenheffer.—14. 28.

Several of the brethren declined voting on the question.

The resolutions were consequently adopted by a majority of 24 votes.

XV. *Resolved*, That Dr. C. F. Schæffer be requested to have the report "on the confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran church," as read by him, published in the *Evangelical Review*. Adjourned.

Prayer by Br. Mennig.

FIFTH SESSION.

Wednesday, 8 *o'clock*, *A. M.*

Opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. W. J. Eyer.

The minutes of the preceeding session were read and approved.

The President appointed Rev. Joshua Jæger, Rev. E. A. Bauer and Mr. F. B. Schalter a committee to examine the Treasurer's annual account; also Rev. Welden and Wenzel to examine that of the President.

Dr. F. A. Muhlenberg asked and obtained leave of absence.

Report on certain papers relating to the Hymn book.

The first paper contains the fourth account of Mr. L. A. Wollenweber, from which it appears, that during the year beginning April 1st, 1852, and ending April 1st, 1853, he sold by wholesale and retail Hymn books in large type 68—which yield to Synod, according to contract, $4.39.—In small type 600, yielding $16.05. Whole amount of percentage in favor of Synod $20.44. On hand 3 copies large size.

He further states: that the arrears in Pennsylvania amount to $1151.47
and in the Western States to 930.84

Total, ... $2082.31

Lost, 294 copies of small and 150 of large size.

The second paper makes mention, that the Hymn book was transferred to other hands, on July 10, 1852; but being only provisionally released from his contract, he requests Synod to sanction the transferment, and give him a certificate for the faithful discharge of his duties. Mr. Wollenweber also asks the appointment of a committee to confer with him on the affairs of the Hymn book, and desires Synod to aid him in collecting the outstanding monies and books, so that he may be enabled to dispose of those still remaining in the hands of congregations and ministers as speedily as possible and present to Synod his final account.

It is therefore recommended that such a committee be appointed, who shall confer with Mr. Wollenweber on this subject and report to Synod. Respectfully submitted,

J. Vogelbach.

This report was adopted.

XVI. *Resolved*, That such a committee be appointed.

The President appointed Rev. Vogelbach, Rev. Joshua Jæger, Rev. Krotel, and Messrs. Bremer and Cressman.

Report on certain papers in relation to the Hymn book, submitted by Mrs. Johanna D. Wollenweber.

The first presents an account by Mrs. Johanna D. Wollenweber, commencing July 10, 1852, and ending April 1, 1853. The entire sales of large and small sized Hymn books by wholesale and retail, during this time, amounted to 1732 copies, for which, according to contract, the Synod has been paid $55.26 per cent. In the West were sold 201 minimum and 191 maximum size. On hand, at present, 1212 minimum—bound, and 213 maximum—do, besides 500 unbound.

In a second paper Mrs. Wollenweber gives notice, that in consequence of an agreement with Mr. Wollenweber, the Hymn book has passed into her hands since July 10, 1852, and that therefore all orders and accounts, from that date, must be drawn in her name. She assures this Rev. body that in future, as hitherto, she will spare no pains in the publication of the Hymn book, and endeavor, always, to meet the wishes, and satisfy the claims of Synod. She further prays to be released from her heavy security, since she believes, that the reasons, which seemed to render it necessary, do, in part, no longer exist, and in lieu thereof, declares herself willing, to secure Synod, by making a legal consignment of the stereotype plates. She feels confident, that the unwearied activity which she has hitherto evinced in the publication of the Hymn book, will be regarded as ample proof that she feels a deep interest in this matter, and leads her to hope, that Synod will continue to bestow upon her its kind consideration and increased confidence.

In conclusion she asks, that the Secretary may be authorized to give notice in the different church-papers, to the effect, that from July 10, 1852, all orders for books are to be addressed to her.

J. Vogelbach.

This report was accepted, and it was

XVII. *Resolved*, That the Secretary be authorized to publish the desired notice in our church-papers.

XVIII. *Resolved*, That we do not release Mrs. Wollenweber from her bond of security.

XIX. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire of Mrs. Wollenweber, whether and upon what conditions she would be willing to transfer the Hymn book to this Synod.

This committee consists of Rev. F. W. Geissenhainer, Rev. Brobst and Rev. Vogelbach.

Rev. Eyer asked and obtained leave of absence.

The President appointed Rev. G. A. Wenzel Assistant Secretary.

Report of the First Committee.

The committee to whom the Annual Report of the President was referred, have the honor to report, that they have examined the same, and beg leave to offer the following resolutions:

XX. *Resolved*, That this Synod deeply regret the death of our beloved Br. Conrad Miller and heartily sympathize with his bereaved and afflicted family, and that the Secretary be instructed to transmit to them a copy of this resolution.

XXI. *Resolved*, That the letter of the Rev. C. Popp, in which he applies for aid, in behalf of the congregation in Birmingham be deferred, till we take up the cause of Missions.

XXII. *Resolved*, That the question: whether the name of the Rev. P. F. Feysel shall be continued on our clerical list, be decided in the Ministerium.

XXIII. *Resolved*, That request of Rev. Mengert be granted, and he be honorably dismissed to the Synod of Maryland.

XXIV. *Resolved*, That the reception of the Rev. Brethren B. M. Schmucker, W. G. Laitzle, T. Kleiss and Cand. A. Rüder be considered in Ministerial session.

XXV. *Resolved*, That a special committee be appointed to examine and report on the letter from St. John's congregation of Chambersburg.

The President appointed on this committee Rev. N. Jæger, Rev. G. F. Miller and Mr. L. Walter.

XXVI. *Resolved*, That the application for aid, handed in by the Ev. Lutheran congregation of Norwalk, Huron county, Ohio, be commended to the consideration of the Executive committee.

XXVII. *Resolved*, That Cand. Garver be excused on account of his absence, and the renewal of his license receive the attention of the Ministerium.

XXVIII. *Resolved*, That Rev. Schwankowsky be honorably dismissed to the Eastern District Synod of Ohio.

XXIX. *Resolved*, That Cand. C. Kühn be honorably dismissed to the Synod of Buffalo.

In reference to a statement made by Br. Walz, that a certain Mr. Kühnle has bequeathed to this Synod the sum of $300 for missionary purposes, it was

XXX. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to institute an inquiry into the particulars, and interest themselves for Synod.

The President appointed the Brethren Walz and Mennig.

XXXI. *Resolved*, That the communication addressed to us by the Ministers composing the Conference of the city of New York, be referred to the Liturgical committee.

XXXII. *Resolved*, That the Brethren Ulrich and Hemping be excused on account of absence.

XXXIII. *Resolved*, That the officers of Synod take speedy measures to have this body incorporated.

XXXIV. *Resolved*, That this Synod resolve itself into an Education Society, and that we impress it upon the hearts of our congregations to establish Auxiliaries.

XXXV. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to all Candidates of Theology, coming from Europe, to repair, for a time, to the Seminary at Gettysburg, or to any other of our Theological Institutions in the United States, for the purpose of familiarizing themselves with the English language, and forming a more intimate acquaintance with our church in this country, and thus be prepared to labor with greater efficiency and usefulness in the church. Other applicants are advised to address themselves to the Education Society of the Synod.

XXXVI. *Resolved*, That each individual congregation shall hereafter receive credit in the minutes for the sum contributed by them, respectively, to the Synodical, Missionary and Educational funds.

XXXVII. *Resolved*, That this Synod recommend it to every family in its connection, to subscribe for a good religious paper published by our church, and support, according to their worldly circumstances, all her benevolent institutions.

XXXVIII. *Resolved*, That this Synod rejoices at the flourishing condition of the Female Seminary at Luthersville, and take pleasure in recommending the same to the patronage of our congregations.

XXXIX. *Resolved*, That no member of this Synod shall be allowed, hereafter, to take charge of any congregation which declares itself free and independent of all Synodical connections; or be present at the

laying of a corner-stone, or the consecration of such churches, or their organs, or perform for them any ministerial functions whatsoever; and finally, that we disapprove of the erection, in future, of Union churches. *

XL. *Resolved*, That Synod tender to Dr. J. W. Richards a vote of thanks for the faithful manner in which he has discharged his duties as President of this body, during his three-year's term of office.

Report of the Committee on the German Professorship.

The committee, appointed to carry out the resolution of Synod in reference to the founding of a German Professorship in Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, has the honor to lay before this Rev. body the following report of their agent, the Rev. B. Keller.

Report of the Agent.

The undersigned would hereby report to Synod, that since its last session, held in the city of Lancaster, he has continued his agency in good and evil days, and struggled through many difficulties and hindrances. His brethren in the ministry received him everywhere with fraternal kindness and treated him with hospitality. The same was also done by the congregations he visited, with the exception of a few, among whom the spirit of liberality neither existed nor could be aroused. Immediately after Synod had adjourned, your agent repaired to Lehigh county, where he commenced operations in Br. Schindel's charge. He has during this year visited the following congregations, received the following subscriptions and collected the following sums, viz:

	Subscribed.	Collected.
In Rev. Schindel's congregations:		
Jordan,	$159 00	$133 50
South Whitehall,	49 00	26 50
Union church,	76 00	60 50
Vogelsville,	81 00	76 00
Ziegel's church,	111 00	106 75
In Rev. G. A. Wenzel's congregations:		
Upper Mount Bethel,	291 50	204 50
Lower Mount Bethel,	95 00	52 00
In Rev. C. F. Welden's congregations:		
Dryland,	242 50	162 50
Altona,	50 00	35 00
In Rev. Joshua Jæger's congregations:		
Upper Saucon,	63 00	58 50
Macungie,	145 50	95 50
Christ church,	206 50	157 00
In Rev. Vogelbach's congregations:		
Jerusalem's church,	72 00	54 00
Upper Milford,	86 00	52 50
Upper Saucon,	31 00	24 00
Appel's church,	13 00	11 00

* By Union churches we understand those, which are neither Lutheran nor Reformed.

	Subscribed.	Collected.
In Rev. A. Fuchs' congregations:		
Bath,	$95 50	$76 50
Howertown,	95 00	85 50
Emanuel's church,	36 00	29 50
In Rev. T. T. Jæger's congregations:		
Bellerman's church,	97 00	71 00
Bern church,	52 50	16 00
North Heidelberg,	30 00	20 00
Rœhrersburg, new church,	50 00	43 00
Womelsdorf,	28 00	17 50
In Rev. D. Ulrich's congregation:		
Heidelberg,	63 50	57 50
In Rev. J. C. Schmidt's congregations:		
Christ church,	78 00	35 00
St. Michael's,	18 00	13 00
Bernville,	10 00	5 00
In Rev. G. F. J. Jæger's congregation:		
Hamburg,	86 00	59 00
In Rev. J. Kohler's congregation:		
New Holland,	431 00	245 50
In Rev. S. Trumbauer's congregations:		
Reamstown,	51 00	35 00
Bergstrass church,	69 00	56 50
Centre church,	29 00	29 00
Mechanicsburg,	93 00	45 00
In Rev. J. J. Strein's congregation:		
Columbia, (German,)	53 00	36 00
In Rev. J. H. Menges congregation:		
Columbia, (English,)	60 00	15 00
	$3,298 50	$2,300 75

Your agent has also re-visited, since your meeting in Lancaster, the following congregations, obtained the following additional subscriptions, and made the following additional collections:

	Subscribed.	Collected.
Dr. Demme & Dr. P. F. Mayer, Piladelphia,	$94 00	$410 66
Rev. C. W. Schæffer, Germantown,		21 11
" C. Miller, Boyerstown,	13 00	44 50
Dr. C. F. Schæffer, Easton,	112 00	166 50
Rev. Joshua Jæger, Allentown,	53 50	100 20
" G. F. Miller, Pottstown,	5 00	39 00
Dr. J. C. Baker, Lancaster,	20 00	312 00
Senior W. Bætis, Lancaster,		122 00
Rev. C. A. Hay, Harrisburg,		*99 00
" C. F. Stœver, Dauphin,		10 00
" W. Baum, Middletown,		23 00
" W. Gerhard, Elizabethtown,		79 00
" W. Crist, Mount Joy, &c.		15 00

* In this sum are included several dollars which were handed to me in Harrisburg by Br. Maier from his congregation.

	Subscribed.	Collected.
Rev. G. F. Krotel, Lebanon,	$6 00	$90 50
" " " Meyerstown,		39 50
" " " Millerstown,		10 00
" H. G. Stecher, Hummelstown,		83 00
" L. G. Eggers, Tulpehoccon,		22 00
" " " Rœhrersburg,		19 00
" " " Zions church,		15 00
Dr. J. W. Richards, Trinity church, Reading,	42 00	227 50
	$345 50	$1,948 47

The following brethren collected in their respective congregations of previous subscriptions, and paid to your Agent the following sums:

	Collected.
Dr. C. F. Schæffer, Easton,	$44 00
Rev. C. F. Welden, Dryland,	34 50
" " " Altona,	15 00
" Nathan Jæger, Boyerstown,	5 00
" C. F. Stœver, Schupp's congregation,	37 00
" Martin Sondhaus, Elizabethtown,	14 00
" Joshua Jæger, Macungie congregation,	5 00
" " " Christ church,	25 00
" T. T. Jæger, Bellerman's church,	7 00
" " " Bern church,	15 00
" " " North Heidelberg,	7 50
" " " Rœhrersburg,	5 00
" " " Womelsdorf,	3 00
" " " Meyerstown,	25 00
" D. Ulrich, Heidelberg,	6 00
" J. C. Schmidt, Christ church,	32 50
" " " Bernville,	5 00
" W. Heilig, Middletown,	10 00
" W. Crist, Maytown, &c.	21 00
" H. G. Stecher, Hummelstown,	37 00
" L. G. Eggers, Tulpehoccon,	5 00
" " " Zions church,	4 00
" J. Kohler, New Holland,	3 50
" S. Trumbauer, Reamstown,	5 00
" " Bergstrass,	5 00
" " Mechanicsburg,	35 00
" C. C. A. Brandt, Clearfield congregation,	3 00
" W. Gerhard, Upper Mount Bethel,	5 00
" J. Vogelbach, Upper Milford,	10 00
" " Upper Saucon,	5 00
" A. Fuchs' congregations,	35 50
" Daniel Maier, Harrisburg,	4 00
" C. A. Hay, Harrisburg,	15 00
" G. F. Miller, Pottstown,	61 00
" J. Schindel, Jordan church,	15 00
" " South Whitehall,	15 00
" " Vogelsville,	2 00
	$582 00

An abstract of the whole account presents the following result:

	Subscribed.	Collected.
New subscriptions and collections, ...	$3,293 50	$2,300 75
Additional subscriptions and collections,	345 50	1,948 47
Received from the Rev. Brethren during session of Synod, in Reading, April 1853,		582 00
Sum total collected up to Synodical session in Lancaster, 1852, ...	7,302 33....	3,714 55
Total, ...	$10,941 33	$8,545 47

Paid to the Treasurer, Dr. C. J. Baker since June, 1852, as follows:

June 7, 1852, ...	$400 00
August 21, 1852, ...	700 00
October 28, 1852, ...	1,100 00
October 29, 1852, ...	300 00
December 27, 1852, ...	400 00
December 28, 1852, ...	100 00
January 27, 1853, ...	600 00
March 12, 1853, ...	550 00
April 5, 1853, during meeting of Synod at Reading,	582 00
Total, ...	$4,732 00
Paid up to June 1852, ...	3,585 00
Total, ...	$8,317 00

B. KELLER, *Agent.*

Your committee testifies, that their agent, the Rev. B. Keller, has managed the business intrusted to him with unwearied diligence and strict fidelity, and they express the wish, that every minister in connection with this Synod will render him all possible assistance in its further prosecution.

Treasurer's Account.

Received from Rev. B. Keller, ...		$8,317 00
do do Treasury of Theological Seminary, ...		212 78
do Interest, ...		51 93
		$8,581 71
Funded, ...	$5,950 00	
Expenditures, ...	1,000 00	
		$6,950 00
Balance in Treas. hands and ready to be funded as soon as possible, ...		$1,631 71

JOHN C. BAKER.
CHARLES F. SCHÆFFER.
CHARLES A. HAY.
C. F. WELDEN.
H. H. MUHLENBERG.

XLI. *Resolved*, That the report of our agent, the Rev. B. Keller, with that of the committee be accepted.

XLII. *Resolved*, That we heartily rejoice at the signal success which has, thus far, attended this important enterprise.

XLIII. *Resolved*, That we return a vote of thanks to Br. Keller for the excessive hardships to which he has hitherto exposed himself in the furtherance of this cause, and that we rejoice, that he has declared his willingness, to devote himself also in future to this difficult work.

XLIV. *Resolved*, That, as a Synod, we declare it to be the duty of all our ministers, to render the Rev. Agent whatever assistance he may require to lessen and facilitate his labors in their respective congregations.

XLV. *Resolved*, That our Agent's report, together with the accompanying remarks of the committee, be printed separately, and distributed among our congregations.

Report of the Second Committee.

No. 1. Is a letter from Rev. Mühlhæuser, President of the Synod of Wisconsin, in which he expresses his regret, that his application of last year, to this Synod, for aid, in support of a Missionary in Wisconsin, was disregarded, and pressingly renews the same.

XLVI. *Resolved*, That the request of the Rev. Mühlhæuser be referred to the Executive Committee.

No. 2. Is a letter, signed by four members of the so called United Lutheran and German Reformed congregation of Punxunstawny, Jefferson county, Pa., in which they apply for a minister. Since, however, we hold no official intercourse with united congregations, and since, moreover, Br. Brandt has already organized an Ev. Luth. congregation in that vicinity, we advise all Lutherans to unite with their own church and submit themselves to christian order and discipline.

No. 3. Is a letter from Br. Nitterauer, in which he asks to be excused for non-attendance on account of sickness, and also that his license may be renewed.

XLVII. *Resolved*, That Br. Nitterauer be excused, and the renewal of his license referred to the Ministerium.

No. 4. Is a letter from the Rev. Mr. Kuchler, President of the Eastern District Synod of Ohio, in which he states, that the Rev. C. A. Stübgen of Erie, Pa., has been deposed from the ministerial office, on account of unchristian behavior.

XLVIII. *Resolved*, That we thank Br. Kuchler for his communication, and that we will pay due regard to it, in case Mr. Stübgen should apply for admission into this Synod;—we will also caution our congregations against him.

Respectfully,

G. A. Reichert.
G. A. Wenzel.
S. Trumbauer.
Benj. Gardner.
F. B. Schalter.

XLIX. *Resolved*, That the above report and resolutions be adopted.

Report of the Third Committee.

No. 5. Is a letter of excuse from Rev. J. J. Strein, in which he expresses his regret, that unforeseen circumstances,—the particular nature of which he does not state,—have prevented his attendance. He wishes Synod the blessing of God on their deliberations.

L. *Resolved*, That Br. Strein be excused.

No. 6. Is a letter of excuse from Rev. C. Popp, for his absence from Synod. The causes are: indisposition and heavy traveling expenses. He also mentions that his congregation have passed a unanimous resolution to make application for admission into this Synod, and expresses a wish, that their request may be granted, and all their other wants meet with favorable consideration.

LI. *Resolved*, That Br. Popp be excused.

No. 7. Contains an application from a congregation in Erie, Pa., for a minister. They say, that their protracted destitution has been productive of much dissatisfaction and discord among themselves, and they, therefore, ask this Synod to provide for them, by sending a faithful pastor into their midst. They also state the amount of salary paid by this and another congregation.

LII. *Resolved*, That the request of the Erie congregation cannot be granted, in-as-much as this Synod has resolved: not to enter into any new relations with united congregations.

No. 8. Contains an application from the congregation in Birmingham, near Pittsburg, for admission, with a promise annexed, that they will support all our institutions to the best of their ability. This application is signed by a number of members.

LIII. *Resolved*, That St. Paul's congregation of Birmingham be received into our connection.

No. 9. Is a letter from Dr. G. J. Scholl, Chairman of the Medical Society of Northampton county, Pa., in which he represents to Synod, that certain ministers in their district are engaged in the practice of medicine, and thereby injure not only their profession, but compromise the dignity, and lessen the usefulness of the Evangelical Ministry. The Society request this Rev. Synod, through their Chairman, Dr. Scholl, to take this subject into consideration, and give publicity to the result of their deliberations in their Minutes. Your committee move, that this letter be read.

Respectfully,

G. F. J. Jæger.
W. J. Mann.
E. Peixoto.
John Kissner.
Jacob Miller.

The report of this committee, together with the annexed resolutions was accepted, and the letter in question read,—when it was

LIV. *Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to answer Dr. Scholl's letter, call his attention to §. 14, Chap. 6, of our Constitution, as relating to this subject, and cause the same to be inserted in our Minutes. The following is the paragraph referred to: "*This Ministerium does not allow its members to sue for political offices or*

associate with the Ministry any calling foreign to it, and calculated to impede its usefulness."

The Delegates, Daniel Bare and Leonard Walter, asked for permission to return home, which was granted.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Mengert.

SIXTH SESSION.

Wednesday, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. E. Peixoto.

Dr. Demme concluded his report on the Liturgy.

LV. *Resolved*, That the publication of the Liturgy be deferred, until the District Synods of Ohio shall have held their joint meeting, and that our delegate to that body be instructed to inform them of the same.

LVI. *Resolved*, That we are heartily obliged to the brethren composing the New York Conference, for the communication of their views on the Liturgy, but in-as-much as that subject has already been finally disposed of, we cannot take them into consideration.

LVII. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare a number of prayers, for the use of families and individuals, to be appended to our Liturgy.

The President sppointed the Rev. Messrs. Mann, Peixoto and Dr. Schæffer.

Mr. Kiefer of Tremont made application for a pastor for Pinegrove charge.

LVIII. *Resolved*, That any of the brethren are at liberty to accept a call from the congregations composing this charge.

LIX. *Resolved*, That we now proceed to the election of delegates to the General Synod.

The President appointed as tellers the Rev. J. Kohler and Mr. Ihrie. The following brethren were duly elected, viz: as *Primarii* Dr. J. C. Baker, Dr. C. F. Schæffer, Dr. J. W. Richards, Rev. W. J. Mann, Rev. C. W. Schæffer, Rev. C. A. Hay, Rev. F. W. Geissenhainer, Dr. F. A. Muhlenberg of Lancaster, W. Dock of Harrisburg, J. M. Bickel of Orwigsburg, Dr. H. H. Muhlenberg of Reading, L. Bremer of Philadelphia, C. Pretz of Allentown, and P. H. Mattes of Easton. *Secundarii*: Rev. W. J. Eyer, Rev. A. T. Geissenhainer, Rev. G. A. Reichert, C. J. Ihrie of Trenton, A. Ashmead of Germantown, H. A. Holland of New Holland, S. Schober of Philadelphia, Jonathan Deininger of Reading, Jacob Fry, Jr., of the Trappe, and J. Eyer of Bloomsburg.

Dr. Demme had been elected as *Primarii*, but resigned, whereupon Dr. Schæffer was elected in his place. The Brn. H. S. Miller, C. F. Welden and E. Peixoto had also been elected as *Secundarii*, but resigned;—their places were not supplied.

Report of the Committee on Verbal Communications.

a) An application from Salem's church for aid in support of their pastor, the Rev. Mr. Brandt.—In consideration of the fact, that this congregation, numbering only about 30 members, has only lately

erected a house of worship, which is still encumbered with a debt of $500, your committee would move that their request be granted and Br. Brandt receive $100 out of the Missionary fund.

b) Br. Sondhaus charges Br. Crist with encroaching upon his Bainbridge congregation. Your committee move that Br. Crist be required to give an explanation.

c) Mr. Hugo Schauer, Delegate from Camden, N. J., applies, in the name of the congregation he represents, for admission into this Synod, and also, for aid in support of their pastor the Rev. Georgii. Your committee would move that the request be granted, and that in consideration of existing circumstances Br. Georgii receive $150 out of the Missionary fund.

d) The congregations of Leesport and Mohrsville ask permission to unite with Hamburg, that in this connection they may henceforth be under the pastoral charge of Cand. Scheide, as they were formerly under that of Rev. F. A. M. Keller; also for permission to celebrate divine service in a spacious school house, till after the erection of a church edifice. Your committee move, that their requests be granted.

E. Peixoto.
Joshua Jæger.
C. F. Welden.

This report was accepted.

LX. *Resolved*, That the application for aid in support of Br. Brandt, be postponed until we proceed to the transaction of Missionary business.

LXI. *Resolved*, That the complaint of Br. Sondhaus against Br. Crist, be referred, in accordance with a provision in our Constitution, to the President.

LXII. *Resolved*, That the request of the congregation of Camden be granted.

LXIII. *Resolved*, That the application of the congregations of Leesport and Mohrsville be referred to the Third District Conference.

Report of the Sixth Committee.

No. 17. Contains two letters addressed to Rev. Dr. Demme by Mr. Ludwig Seibold of Baltimore, in which he asks his advise in regard to his applying for admission into this Synod; also, one of similar import to the President, containing, besides, an excuse for non-attendance, on account of indisposition, and various other documents, testifying to his ability as an instructor in a Gymnasium, and to his moral character, up to 1850. Since, however, satisfactory testimonials of a later date are wanting, and since, moreover, Mr. Seibold is not personally present, your committee does not feel justified in recommending him for admission.

No. 18. Is a letter of excuse from our venerable Senior, Father Bætis, on account of his absence from Synod. The cause is weakness from old age. Annexed is his parochial report, and $8.37½ for the Missionary treasury.

No. 19. Is a communication from a committee of the Church-counsel of the Ev. Lutheran congregation at Allentown, containing a report on the happy results attending the call of the Rev. B. M. Schmucker, to organize an English congregation in that place. They

gratefully acknowledge their indebtedness to this Synod for their proffer of assistance, but having, so far succeeded, in sustaining the enterprise, by their individual exertions, they only ask your sympathy and an interest in our prayers.

No. 20. Contains an application from Mr. Brandstetter for admission into this Synod. He writes that he was formerly a member of the Ohio Synod, from which he has withdrawn. Having, however, been led by the grace of God, to see, that a minister, not in connection with a Synod, cannot labor successfully, he applies for admission to us. Your committee is of opinion that Mr. Brandstetter should apply to the Synod of which he was formerly a member.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. Welden.
W. G. Mennig.
J. Vogelbach.
Henry Gœtz.
Rudolph Dech.

This report was accepted.

In reference to No. 17 it was

LXIV. *Resolved*, That Dr. Morris and Rev. Mengert be authorized to examine the testimonials of Mr. Seibold more particularly.

LXV. *Resolved*, That our Rev. Senior Bætis be excused on account of his absence.

LXVI. *Resolved*, That we heartily rejoice, both, at the condition and the determination of the congregation at Allentown.

LXVII. *Resolved*, That we advise Mr. Brandstetter to apply to the Synod of Ohio for admission.

Rev. Mengert of Baltimore and Rev. Paul Anderson from Chicago described their congregations as being greatly in want of help, and prayed that neither our Synod nor congregations would overlook their destitution.

Rev. Weisel, Missionary among the Jews, spoke of his success among that people, and requested the aid and co-operation of this Synod in this work.

LXVIII. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn, and re-assemble at 8 o'clock in Ministerial session.

Concluding prayer by Br. Eggers.

Br. Passavant preached this evening from Luke 5, 4.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Thursday, 8 o'clock, A. M.

The session was opened with singing, and with prayer by Rev. G. A. Wenzel.

The minutes of the preceeding session were read and approved.

The Brethren J. C. Schmidt, Stein, Bahl, H. S. Miller, Kæmmer and Reichert, and the Delegate of the Philadelphia congregation asked and obtained leave of absence.

Rev. W. J. Mann laid the following Preamble and Resolutions before Synod:

Whereas the Evangelical Lutheran church has, of late, arrived at clearer views of its doctrinal and other distinctive features; and, Whereas, we are justified in expecting that both, the internal and external welfare of our church will be thereby essentially promoted; and, Whereas, we recognize the importance of a historico-confessional basis for the church; therefore *Resolved:*

A.) That we also *in common with the Evangelical Lutheran church of our fathers*, acknowledge the collective body of the Symbolical Books, *as the historico-confessional writings of the Evangelical Lutheran church*, and that we also, like the Evangelical Lutheran church of former times, accord to the *Unaltered Augsburg Confession* and *Luther's Small Catechism* an especial importance among our Symbolical Books generally.

B.) *Resolved*, That we enjoin it upon all the Ministers and Candidates of our church as their duty to make themselves better and more thoroughly acquainted with these venerable documents of the faith of our fathers, than has hitherto been the case with many.

C.) *Resolved*, That it is not by any means our intention hereby to diminish the absolute authority of the Holy Scriptures, but much rather to place them in the clearest light possible, and that we by no means design through these Symbols to place constraint upon the consciences of any, but much rather, through them to bind the conscience to the Holy Scriptures as the divine Source of Truth.

It was hereupon unanimously

LXIX. *Resolved*, That this Preamble together with the Resolutions be adopted.

LXX. *Resolved*, That this Preamble and these Resolutions be added as an Appendix to the Report of the Committee "*on the Confessions of the Church*," and be published in connection with said Report in "the Evangelical Review."

LXXI. *Resolved*, That the committee be discharged.

Br. Passavant submitted a verbal statement of the condition of the missions in Canada and Texas, which stand in connection with and under the superintendence of the Synod of Pittsburg, showing the necessity of extending further aid to these missions, and praying Synod, if possible, during this year also, to contribute a certain amount to their support.

LXXII. *Resolved*, That these missions shall be remembered in the Missionary session.

The committee appointed to confer with Mr. Wollenweber on the affairs of the Hymn book reported as follows:

Mr. Wollenweber explained to the committee, that in his present situation nothing could be more desirable to him, than to be released from the sale of the Hymn books. He has made repeated attempts to transfer its final sale to other hands, in a manner satisfactory to Synod, though at considerable loss to himself, but having been unable to succeed, he appeals to Synod to manifest a friendly and brotherly interest in his behalf in the following particulars:

a) That a committee be appointed, who shall seriously admonish those ministers and congregations, who have any books on hand, to hasten the sale of the same, and remit the receipts as speedily as possible.

b) That this Synod give public notice, that all monies for Hymn-books received prior to July 10, 1852, are to be remitted to Mr. L. A. Wollenweber. Mr. Wollenweber offers a discount of 10 percent to all ministers and congregations who shall make final settlement of their accounts with him, before the next meeting of Synod.

c) He mentions, by way of supplement, that Rev. Mr. Reichert of Philadelphia may be empowered to reduce his security in the bond to such an amount, as he may deem sufficient for the purpose. He also returns to Synod his sincere thanks for that kindness which they have, at all times, manifested towards him.

The committee propose that *a* and *b* of this report be adopted, and *c* be submitted to the decison of Synod.

Signed,

JOSHUA JÆGER.
J. VOGFLBACH.
G. F. KROTEL.
LEWIS BREMER.
ABRAHAM CRESSMAN.

LXXIII. *Resolved*, That the Secretary be authorized to give notice in our church-papers, that all accounts for Hymn books sold prior to July 10, 1852, must be settled with Mr. Wollenweber, and that since July 10, 1852, Mrs. Johanna Dorothea Wollenweber has taken possession of the Hymn book, and all orders must, therefore, be addressed to her;—the cost of advertising to be defrayed by the parties concerned.

LXXIV. *Resolved*, That the application of Mr. Wollenweber for a release from the security in question, shall not be granted.

The committee who were commissioned to consult with Mrs. J. D. Wollenweber, whether, and upon what conditions she would be willing to transfer the copy-right of the Hymn book to Synod, report, that nothing is to be done in this matter at present.

F. W. GEISSENHAINER.
S. K. BROBST.

Report of the Fourth Committee.

The fourth committee has the honor to report as follows:

No. 9. Is a communication from Rev. Heydenreich, in which he gives notice that he has resigned Manayunk and removed to Bethlehem, where he had previously accepted a situation, as instructor, in the Female Boarding-school of that place. He expresses the desire that Manayunk congregation may speedily be supplied with a pastor, and adds the request, that Synod will excuse him on account of non-attendance, as he has only recently entered upon the duties of his office.

No. 10. Is a letter from Rev. Merz, in which he informs Synod, that owing to protracted illness, he has not been able, for several years, to take charge of congregations, that his income, as school-teacher, is exceedingly small, and that his limited means oblige him to absent himself from the present meeting, for which he prays to be excused.

No. 11. Is a letter of excuse from Rev. Garlichs for absence from Synod.

No. 12. Is a letter from Rev. Hemping, in which he asks to be excused for absence from Synod. He also represents the present condition of his former congregations, as being again without a pastor,

and adds, that, in case they are not speedily supplied with a faithful minister, they will become scattered and many pass over to other denominations. He encloses the sum of $3, of which $2 are to be applied to home, and $1 to foreign missions.

H. S. Miller.
Isaiah Bahl.
Joshua Jæger.
Joh. U. Kuemmerlen.
Leonard Walter.

This report was accepted, and it was

LXXV. *Resolved*, That the Brethren Heydenreich, Merz, Garlichs and Hemping be excused.

Dr. C. F. Schæffer, Delegate to the late meeting of the Ev. Lutheran Ministerium of New York, reported, that he has attended the same, and executed the wishes of this Synod, in reference to that body uniting with us in addressing letters of invitation to the Synod of Ohio to join us in our contemplated union with the General Synod, and that that Ministerium entered so heartily into our wishes, that they forthwith appointed a "Committee of Correspondence" to accomplish the desired end.

LXXVI. *Resolved*, That this report be accepted.

Report of the Fifth Committee.

The fifth committee has the honor to report as follows:

No. 13. Is a communication from the Rev. H. Ziegler of Williamsport, addressed to Rev. Hay, in which he signifies that he has been appointed agent for the Education Society, and intends entering upon the duties of this office as soon as his present congregation shall have been supplied with a pastor. He states, that the Education Society is already encumbered with a debt of $3000, and that it would be very desirable if this could be discharged before the actual commencement of his agency, so that the contributions collected by him, might be set apart for the current use of poor students. He requests Br. Hay to draw up a resolution, by which this Synod assumes, through its Ministers and Lay-delegates, the liquidation of said debt.

Your committee is of opinion that we cannot accede to this proposal, under existing circumstances, especially, because our German Professorship is not yet fully endowed. Since, however, the demand for ministers is so very large in our church, your committee thinks, the question: what ought to be done, to provide indigent pious, but talented young men with the requisite means to prepare themselves for the holy ministry, deserving of our attention.

No. 14. Is a communication from Rev. Ulrich, in which he informs Synod that sickness has prevented him from attending our annual meeting, and also from raising missionary contributions.

LXXVII. *Resolved*, That Rev. Ulrich be excused. Synod, however, considers it desirable that not only he, but all the brethren who have not yet raised their contributions, should regard it as their duty to do so, as soon as possible, and send in their remittances without delay.

No. 15. Is a letter of excuse from Rev. Stecher, in which he assigns indisposition as the cause of his non-attendance. He also encloses

$7 with the request, that Synod may divide it between the two treasuries as they think proper.

LXXVIII. *Resolved*, That Br. Stecher be excused.

No. 16. Is a letter from Mr. Henry Busse, in which he states, that he has attained to the age of 81 years, 42 of which he spent as schoolmaster in Weissenburg congregation. He is now unable, longer, to attend to his calling, and, besides, in indigent circumstances, and therefore applies to Synod for aid.

LXXIX. *Resolved*, That Mr. Busse's request be referred to the President.

J. Schindel.
L. G. Eggers.
A. Fuchs.
S. Grim.

Report on the President's Account.

The committee appointed to examine the President's account, report, that they have attended to their duty, and found all correct.

C. F. Welden.
G. A. Wenzel.

This report was accepted.

Report on the Treasurer's Account.

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's account, report as follows:

1. Received for the Synodical treasury inclusive of balance of last year,	$713 74½
Expenditures,	192 66
Balance in hand,	$521 08½
2. Received for the Missionary treasury inclusive of balance of last year,	$2,893 31½
Expenditures,	1,946 87
Balance in hand,	$946 44½
Received for German Professorship,	$8,581 71
Funded do do	6,950 00
Balance in hand,	$1,631 71

Found correct.

Joshua Jæger.
E. A. Bauer.

This report was accepted.

Report of the Seventh Committee.

No. 21 & 22. Are letters from the church-councils of the congregations composing the pastoral district of Br. Brandt in Clearfield and Jefferson counties. They testify well of his activity, faithfulness and moral character, acknowledge with gratitude the assistance afforded them, last year, from the Missionary treasury, and pray Synod to extend the same one year longer.

LXXX. *Resolved*, That this request be deferred until we meet in Missionary session.

No. 23. Contains an application from the church-council of Zions congregation of Lower Mahony township, Northumberland county, for a pastor,—with a notice, that they have sent Mr. Adam Lenker as a delegate to this synod, for this end.

This letter has already been disposed of.

No. 24. Is a communication from the Trustees of Pennsylvania College, in which they propose to the ministers of our church, that they will educate in their Institution at Gettysburg, for the sum of one hundred dollars, (paid either by each minister himself or his congregation,) without any additional charge for tuition, all their sons, and in the event of the minister concerned being without a son, any person, whom he may designate;—this to take effect, as soon as one hundred scholarships shall have been taken. Your committee would recommend this generous offer to the particular attention of the ministers and congregations of our Synod.

Accepted.

No. 25. Is a communication from the congregations in Lobachsville and Friedensburg, in which they inform Synod, that they find it impossible to form themselves into a pastoral district with Oley, and therefore ask permission to re-unite with Kutztown, and thus restore the connection, which formerly existed between these congregations. They also request Synod to recognize Rev. Hinterleitner as their pastor.

LXXXI. *Resolved*, That the request of these congregations be granted, and in accordance with their expressed desire, Rev. Hinterleitner take up his residence, as near as possible, in the centre of his pastoral district.

LXXXII. *Resolved*, That certain papers, documents, &c., hitherto in the hands of Dr. Demme, be intrusted to the care of the President.

LXXXIII. *Resolved*, That the President present to Dr. Demme the thanks of this body, for the trouble he has hitherto had in taking care of the archives of Synod.

LXXXIV. *Resolved*, That such of the brethren who have received Liturgies, and not yet paid for them, are requested to do so forthwith.

LXXXV. *Resolved*, That Rev. Mann be authorized to sign the "Exposition of the Catechism" in the name of the committee.

LXXXVI. *Resolved*, That Rev. Krotel be requested to take in charge the old Liturgies remaining in Lancaster.

Rev. Mr. Baum, to whom various papers had been referred for examination, reported as follows:

a) Is a letter from Rev. E. R. McGregor, Corr. Secretary of the American Society for Missions among the Jews in the United States, in which he makes very honorable mention of Rev. Mr. Weisel, member of the New York Ministerium, and, at present, acting Missionary of that Society. He informs us, that they had in their employ, during last year, two missionaries and one student, belonging to our church. He also expresses a wish, that Synod would interest themselves in this work, and pass a resolution recommending the Rev. Weisel and his mission to our congregations.

LXXXVII. *Resolved*, That we heartily rejoice at the success attending the christian mission among the Jews.

b) Is a letter from Rev. D. Kohler, in which he asks to be excused for non-attendance, on account of indisposition, and also, though not in charge of congregations for three years, that his name may be continued on our list.

Deferred to the Ministerium.

c) Is a letter from Rev. J. G. Butler, Pastor of the English Lutheran church in Washington city, D. C., in which he recommends his church to the liberality of our congregations.

LXXXVIII. *Resolved*, That we regard the permanent establishment of an English Lutheran church in that city as highly important, and therefore earnestly recommend this enterprise to the liberality of our people. W. M. Baum.

Report on the Minutes of the Synod of West Pennsylvania.

The officers of this Synod are: Rev. John N. Hoffman, President; Rev. B. Sadler, Secretary; and Rev. J. Albert, Treasurer. This Synod held its 28th annual session in Mechanicsburg, Cumberland county, in September 1852. From their minutes it appears that those brethren continue to be actively engaged in the service of the Lord.

The minutes of that Synod also contain a resolution, expressive of their joy at our contemplated re-union with the General Synod, offer us their friendly co-operation, in inviting other Synods not yet united with the same, to join us in our union, and approve the sentiment expressed by us in the 28th resolution of our last minutes: "That we have been led to these resolutions through the conviction that we all agree in the essential fundamental doctrines of our beloved mother-church, and that we are therefore also prepared for an outward union, from which we can expect a rich blessing. Which may the God of grace grant unto us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior!"

Dr. Krauth was appointed delegate to this Synod.

Charles Rees.

LXXXIX. *Resolved*, That we heartily rejoice at the renewed exertions of the brethren of the West Pennsylvania Synod to extend the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The delegate from Rev. Schindel's charge obtained leave of absence.

Rev. Reichert reported, that favorable answers had been received by the committee, from all the different Synods addressed on the subject of the union with the General Synod.

The report was accepted, and committee discharged.

Synod adjourned, to hold a Ministerial session.

EIGHTH SESSION.

Thursday, 1½ *o'clock*, *P. M.*

Opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. T. T. Jæger.

Report of Rev. Eggers on Sundry Documents.

a) Is a communication from several members of the church-council of the congregation at Bainbridge, Lancaster county, in which they

inform Synod, that some dissatisfaction prevails with their present pastor, the Rev. Mr. Sondhaus, and ask to be advised, as to what course to pursue, in order to advance the best interests of their congregation.

XC. *Resolved*, That this matter be referred to the Lancaster county Conference.

b) Is a letter from Rev. J. G. Naschold of Chambersburg, in which he states, that he has been obliged to absent himself from our annual session, both, on account of the great distance which separated him from our place of meeting, and also because he has but recently entered upon his present charge. He, therefore, asks to be excused, and makes mention, that his congregation wish him to unite with the West Pennsylvania Synod, in whose connection they stand.

XCI. *Resolved*, That Br. Naschold be excused, and that, in case he should desire it, the President shall give him an honorable dismission to the West Pennsylvania Synod.

c) Is a communication signed by 10 individuals of Brady township, Clearfield county, in which Cand. Brandt is accused of having conducted himself in an unchristian manner towards some of the members of the Reformed church. L. G. Eggers.

Referred to the Ministerium.

Report on the Minutes of the fifth session of the Olive Branch Synod of Indiana, convened in Ladoga, Montgomery Co., Ind., from the 24th—28th September 1852.

The officers for the current year are: Rev. H. Wells, Pres.; Rev. O. Brown, Secr.; and Rev. S. McReynolds, Treas. This Synod numbers 18 ministers.—We find nothing in their minutes having reference to this body. These brethren labor zealously, and we trust, not without the divine blessing, in the vineyard of the Lord. They report during the year 1852: churches, 38; baptized, 201; confirmed, 135; communed, 1084; for home missions, $227.75; foreign missions, $5; education, $10. Respectfully, G. F. Krotel.

Accepted.

Report on the Minutes of the English Ev. Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of Ohio and adjacent States.

The 16th annual session of this Synod was held in New-Philadelphia, Ohio, October 21, 1852. The officers are: Rev. J. Manning, Pres.; Rev. D. Sparks, Secr.; and Rev. D. Rothacker, Treas.—The Synod is composed of 12 ordained ministers and 5 candidates. Congr. 40; bapt. 355; conf. 211; com. 2409.

Mr. Wm. Albach was expelled from this Ministerium, on account of immoral conduct. Besides noticing the resolution passed by our Synod in Lancaster, in regard to a union with the General Synod, their minutes contain nothing in reference to this body. In consideration of the great want of ministers, this Synod takes an active interest in the education cause, and though much pressed with ministerial duties in their own congregations, these brethren, nevertheless, exert themselves, to the utmost of their ability, to supply their destitute brethren in the faith, with the preaching of the pure gospel and the holy sacraments. Respectfully, M. Sondhaus.

Accepted.

Report on the Minutes of the German Reformed Synod.

From the minutes of this Rev. body it appears that our delegate, Br. Brobst, was present at the meeting held in Baltimore and introduced as an advisory member. As a proof of their friendly disposition towards our Synod, they appointed the Rev. Messrs. A. S. Leinbach and M. Kiefer to meet with us, and we are happy to see them in our midst. Respectfully, F. Walz.

Accepted.

Report on the Minutes of the German Ev. Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and other States, which held its last annual session in Fort Wayne, from June 23d to July 3d.

These minutes contain nothing referring to our Synod. Notwithstanding this body has only been in existence six years, they number already 114 members, and labor with visible success among the Germans and Indians of the West. Its officers, at that time, were: Rev. F. Wyneken, Pres.; Rev. L. W. Habel, Secr.; Rev. F. W. Barthels, Treas. This Synod meets, this year, during the second week after Trinity, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Respectfully, Ch. C. A. Brandt.

Accepted.

Report on the Minutes of the Western District Synod of Ohio.

This Rev. body convened on June 10, 1852, in Dayton, Ohio. The officers are: Rev. Prof. W. F. Lehman, Pres.; Rev. C. Albrecht, Secr.; and Rev. C. Spielman, Treas.

These minutes refer to the affairs of the Liturgy. The President, Rev. Prof. Lehmann, makes mention in his annual report, that he received information from Rev. Wagenhals, that a letter had been addressed to him by Rev. Dr. Demme in reference to, and asking his co-operation in revising and publishing the proposed second edition of the Liturgy of the Synods of Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio; that, however, Rev. Wagenhals, though formerly appointed a member of the Liturgical Committee, by the Synod of Ohio, did not consider himself at liberty to act, without special authority from the same. The Rev. Synod regret, that this subject had not been brought to their notice prior to their last annual meeting, so that they also might have appointed a committee to co-operate in this important matter. A committee has, however, been appointed by the Western District Synod of Ohio, who are to report on the subject at the next meeting of the Joint-Synod.

Respectfully, D. Maier.

This report was accepted.

Roport on the Minutes of the fifth and sixth annual meetings of the Synod of South-West.

These minutes contain nothing referring to this Synod. Their last meeting was held in Zions church, Jackson county, Ill. The officers are: Rev. J. Krack, Pres.; Rev. W. Jenkins, Secr.; Rev. J. N. Lindsey, Treas. G. F. Miller.

Accepted.

Report on the Minutes of the Ministerium of New York.

This Ministerium assembled in Red Hook, Dutchess county, N. Y., August 28, 1852. The officers are: Rev. Dr. W. D. Strobel, Pres.; Rev. W. N. Scholl, Secr.; Rev. J. C. Duy, Treas. Number of ministers, 48; congr. 41; com. 7893; Sunday-schools, 38; collections of foreign missions, $505.58; domestic, $169.24; education, $47.30. The Rev. Dr. Schæffer appeared as our delegate and was received to full membership. J. Kohler.

Accepted.

Report on the Minutes of the Synod of Maryland.

This Synod assembled at Frostburg, October 14, 1852. The officers are: Rev. J. A. Siess, Pres.; Rev. G. Diehl, Secr.; Rev. W. Hunt, Treas. Number of ministers, 34; cand. 3. Rev. Hay, our delegate, was present at their meeting, and met with a fraternal reception.

J. Menges.

Accepted.

Report on the Minutes of the Synod of Virginia.

This Synod convened at Harrisonburg, Va., May 13, 1852. The officers are: Rev. J. F. Campbell, Pres.; Rev. X. J. Richardson, Secr.; Rev. T. Miller, Treas. Number of members, 23; congr. 49; com. 2435; contributions for domestic missions, $290.93; foreign, $386.86. The minutes of this Synod contain a lenghty report on our Liturgy and the General Synod's translation of the same, which we recommend to the attention of the Liturgy-Committee.

N. Jæger.

Report on the Minutes of the Frankean Synod.

This Synod numbers 21 members. The officers are: Rev. G. W. Hemperley, Pres.; H. L. Dox, Secr.; and P. Wieting, Treas.

S. K. Brobst.

Report on the Minutes of our last annual session with reference to the unfinished business claiming the attention of the present Synod.

"Page 16, resolutions 10 & 16." In regard to these it was

XCII. *Resolved*, That our delegates to the General Synod be instructed, to call their attention to a mission among the emigrants, in our sea-ports.

"Page 17, resolution 20." Referred to the Ministerial session.

"Page 20, resolution 33."

XCIII. *Resolved*, That we postpone the publication of a Church-Manual, and instruct our delegates to lay this subject before the General Synod. The committee was discharged.

"Page 28, resolutions 65 & 66." The committee appointed at our last session, held in Lancaster, to draft some fundemental rules and regulations for a fund, for the support of superannuated and disabled ministers, presented their report, which was accepted for consideration, and afterwards

XCIV. *Resolved*, That this report be printed as an appendix to our minutes, and that it lay over to our next session. Committee: Rev. F. W. Geissenhainer, Rev. G. A. Reichert, Rev. C. W. Schæffer, Messrs. Jacob Beck, John Kümmerlen and G. Knecht. Vide appendix II.

The committee, which was appointed to lay before Synod a true translation of our Catechism into the English language, asked for more time, to finish the task imposed upon them.

XCV. *Resolved*, That the committee be continued. Committee: Dr. J. W. Richards, E. Peixoto, S. K. Brobst, Dr. Schæffer.

"Page 29, resolution 73." Dr. Demme reported, that the Ministerial-Seal-Press has not yet been purchased.

XCVI. *Resolved*, That the President be commissioned to provide one.

"Page 29, resolution 78", where the final decision of the resolution: "that we disapprove of every separation of congregations and congregational districts, if the same be not first sanctioned by the Synod or Conference," was postponed to this year.

XCVII. *Resolved*, That the above resolution be adopted.

J. Rœller.

Report of the Committee on the Publication of the Catechism.

a) That the proof-texts be so corrected, as to correspond with those in the "Exposition of the Catechism."

b) That a short introduction on the importance and use of the Catechism be prefixed to the same.

c) That this refers to both, the English and German edition.

J. W. Richards.
E. Peixoto.
C. F. Schæffer.
S. K. Brobst.

XCVIII. *Resolved*, That the committee forward the printing of the Catechism.

XCIX. *Resolved*, That we publish a German Ev. Lutheran Almanac for the year 1854.

A plan in reference to this subject was presented to Synod by Br. Brobst, and adopted.

Rev. Brobst gave notice, that the Sunday-school Hymn book will be printed in May next.

Report of the Delegate to the German Reformed Synod.

The undersigned attended the Convention of the German Reformed Synod, held in Baltimore and met with a very friendly reception. The most important questions, which were discussed by this Synod are: the election of a Professor of Theology, the publication of a new Liturgy, and the introduction of congregational schools. It seems to me, that great advantages would result to us, if our Synod would do something towards the re-organization of such schools, wherever practicable.

S. K. Brobst.

C. *Resolved*, That we recommend it to our people to introduce congregational schools, wherever practicable.

CI. *Resolved*, That every Missionary, receiving aid from Synod, shall be required, to establish and keep, if possible, congregational schools.

CII. *Resolved*, That our delegates be instructed to report, to the General Synod, the action this Synod has taken in regard to the Liturgy, and request that body to grant permission to their Liturgy-

Committee to hold a joint-meeting with similar committees from our own and other Synods, some time in November, 1853, in Philadelphia, and authorize them to assume the translation into the English language of the same, as soon as all necessary preliminary arrangements shall have been concluded.

The following brethren were elected Directors of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, viz: Dr. C. F. Schæffer, Rev. C. A. Hay, Rev. W. J. Mann, and Messrs. C. J. Ihrie and Dr. F. A. Muhlenberg.

The following report on sundry documents was presented to Synod:

a) Is a letter from Rev. S. Mühlhæuser of Milwaukee, dated March 28, 1853, and addressed to Rev. Dr. Baker, in which he gratefully acknowledges the receipt of $25 from our Missionary treasury, and states, that this money has been used to defray Mission. Kœnig's traveling expenses to Milwaukee. Br. Mühlhæuser describes the country, where Br. Kœnig is destined to labor, as very promising, but adds, that this brother should receive aid, for the first year, to the amount of $50. He further calls attention to another missionary field, in the new and flourishing town of Sheboygan, Wis., where, it is true, an Old-Lutheran of the Missouri Synod has been laboring for some time, but the people in that section being unwilling to unite with him, desire another minister. He says, that there is a prospect of obtaining a suitable person for that station, and asks the sum of $100 for two years, for his support. He urges the necessity of granting this aid, by referring to the ravages of infidelity and the seductions of sects, to which our brethren in the faith are continually exposed. Your committee would move, that this matter be commended to the active attention of the Missionary committee.

b) Is a letter, signed by the church-council of the Ev. Lutheran Zions church in Wilmington, Del., in which they state that their monthly missionary collections, amounting to $15, have been forwarded by their pastor, the Rev. C. M. Jæger, to be disposed of, as Synod may direct. They, at the same time, make application for aid from the Missionary treasury, in behalf of their pastor. It further appears, from this letter, that there is no prospect, of this congregation, ever being placed in a condition, to support a minister without foreign aid. They also ask to be excused for not sending a delegate. Your committee, therefore, begs leave to offer the following resolutions: 1. That the Synod rejoices at the active zeal manifested by this congregation, in the church and the cause of missions. 2. That this congregation be advised to unite with Camden, and accept the pastoral services of Br. Georgii. 3. That they be excused for not sending a delegate.

Respectfully, E. A. Bauer.

This report was accepted.

Rev. Mann, Rev. Reichert, and Messrs. John Kümmerlen and S. Schober were appointed, in connection with the officers of Synod an Executive Committee of our Missionary Society.

CIII. *Resolved*, That the applications for aid of the congregation in Baltimore, under the pastoral charge of Br. Mengert,—of that in Camden, under the pastoral charge of Br. Georgii,—of that in Washington, D. C., under the pastoral charge of Br. Butler,—of that in Chicago, under the pastoral charge of Br. Paul Anderson, be recommended to the liberality of our congregations.

The delegates from the German Reformed Synod now wished us the blessing of God and withdrew.

CIV. *Resolved*, That the President, this evening, return the sincere and hearty thanks of the Synod, to the congregation in whose midst we have met, for the kind reception extended by them to this Synod.

The session was concluded with prayer.

NINTH SESSION.

Thursday, 10 *o'clock*, *P. M.*

After divine service Synod held its final session. Prayer was offered by Br. Brandt. The President appointed on the Examination-Committee: Dr. Richards, Rev. Reichert, Rev. C. W. Shæffer, Rev. W. J. Mann and Dr. C. F. Schæffer.

CV. *Resolved*, That the Brethren Gross and C. P. Miller be excused for absence.

CVI. *Resolved*, That we cause to be printed 1200 German and 600 English copies of the minutes of this session.

On the Education-Committee were appointed the brethren residing in Philadelphia, viz: Dr. Baker, Dr. Demme, Rev. Reichert and Rev. Mann.

Whereas the business of our Synod is rapidly increasing, and whereas, it is impossible to transact the same during our customary period of meeting, therefore

CVII. *Resolved*, That the officers of Synod form a committee to devise a plan by which our business may hereafter be more expeditiously transacted.

Rev. Brobst laid the following resolutions before Synod:

1. That a competent person be appointed, who shall act as Colporteur in our congregations, and offer for sale to our families, Evangelical Lutheran books and tracts.

2. That a committee be appointed to carry out this resolution, and

3. That this committee receive $50 out of the Synodical treasury for this object.

CVIII. *Resolved*, That the vote on these resolutions be deferred to our next annual meeting.

CIX. *Resolved*, That we postpone the election of a German Professor for Pennsylvania College to our next annual meeting.

The Synod now proceeded to determine the place and time for the next meeting.

Rev. F. A. M. Keller, in the name of his congregation, gave the Synod a friendly invitation. It was therefore

CX. *Resolved*, That St. James church in Reading be the place, and Trinity-Sunday, 1854, the time of our next meeting.

Delegates to corresponding Synods were now appointed, viz:

To the Synod of Ohio: Dr. Demme, alternate, Dr. J. W. Richards.
" " " " New York: Rev. A. T. Geissenhainer, alternate, Rev. G. A. Wenzel.
" " " " West Pennsylvania: Rev. C. A. Hay.
" " " " East Pennsylvania: Dr. Baker.
" " " " Maryland: Rev. G. F. Krotel.
" " " " the Germ. Ref. church: Rev. Reichert & Mann.

CXI. *Resolved*, That this Synod listened with deep interest to the remarks of the Rev. Mr. Pease, Corr. Secretary of the American Colonization Society, and also to the remarks of the Rev. Mr. Miller, Agent for the American Sabbath Union, and that we hereby heartily recommend these Societies to the attention of our people.

CXII. *Resolved*, That the matter, in reference to the appointment of a German minister for Columbia and vicinity, be referred to the Lancaster Co. Conference, to act, as in their opinion, it may seem proper.

CXIII. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to frame a constitution for congregations, and present the same to Synod, at our next annual meeting. This committee consists of Dr. Richards, Rev. F. W. Geissenhainer and Rev. Peixoto.

Synod adjourned.

II. MISSIONARY BUSINESS.

FIRST SESSION.

Tuesday Morning.

The Annual Report of the Executive Committee on Missions, was read by Rev. Dr. Baker, Chairman.

REPORT

OF THE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS,

Read at the Annual Missionary Meeting, held in Reading on the 5th of April, 1853.

Mission to the Heathen.

Brother Heyer has been blest with good health during the past year. The climate of East India is often injurious to Americans. It is common for many, during the season of oppressive heat to travel either to the sea-coast or to the mountains, where a cooler atmosphere may be enjoyed. But Br. Heyer continued at his post, and although the heat was very great, yet he was affected by none of the prevailing diseases, neither did any loss of strength interfere with his usual activity in duty. The Lord sustain him and continue his life and health, that he may long labor among the heathen as an instrument in the hands of the Head of the church to bring many of them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God.

Br. Heyer still resides in Gurgal, in the Palnaud district, and from that point operates upon its vicinity. In his visits he converses with the people, and seeks to convince them of the folly of heathenism and of the truth of the doctrine of Christ. He preaches the gospel upon every opportunity and distributes christian tracts amongst the people. In this work he is assisted by the teachers of the several schools under his control. During parts of the months of March and April of last year, he sent several of these teachers through the neighboring districts to speak personally with the people upon the truths of the gospel, and to distribute tracts amongst them. These men reported that they had traversed a region extending 70 miles from North West to South East, and 25 miles from East to West, that they visited more than one hundred villages and distributed nearly 1000 tracts and

other religious books. In many places they were kindly received, and listened to with respectful attention. In other places, however, they were looked upon with indifference by the mass of the people, who appeared to be cold and dead in sin. In several villages the females were hostile to three of these teachers, being unwilling either to receive them into their houses, or to hear them when they spoke about the gospel. These hostile proceedings are evidently a proof, that these people, seeing how many around them are accepting the teachings of Christianity, begin to fear, that their idolatrous customs and doctrines can no longer be upheld, unless they oppose the progress of Christianity. But he that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh, the Lord shall have them in derision.

Br. Heyer himself travels through the country, from time to time, partly engaged in special duties, partly in attending to the general interest of the mission. In a letter, dated Gurgal, October 5, 1852, he says: "During the first week of August, I undertook a journey of 50 miles, to perform the marriage ceremony for some of our young friends in Veldurty. The 2d of August was the day appointed. When it rains, the road between Gurgal and Veldurty is almost impassable. But as these were the first christian marriages ever appointed in Veldurty, and I did not think it right to disappoint the people, I entered upon the journey notwithstanding the difficulties of the road, and finished it, by the help of God, less exhausted than I had expected to be. On Sunday morning, August 1, I preached in our school-house in Kolakotta, and afterwards baptized two children, the parents of whom had been baptized in 1850. After the congregation was dismissed, the school-master introduced the children, who repeated some lessons. There were about 200 persons present at the weddings on Monday. The first pair that were married, were Christian and Dorcas, both of whom I had baptized about two years before. The second pair were Nathaniel and Maria. The former was baptized at Gurgal, in May, 1851. But the bride having resided in a region where I have never preached, has not as yet been baptized. She has, however, for the present, selected a christian name, and contemplates, after having been sufficiently instructed, adopting that name, in her baptism. Before the ceremony, the people listened with great attention to a discourse based upon Gen. 1, 28.

On the 28th August I sent forward a tent to be pitched at Adugopala, intending to follow it myself, in the evening. The heavy storm of rain, however, prevented my setting out, which I regretted the more, because, some weeks before, I had been hindered by a similar cause from meeting an engagement at the same place. On the 29th the rain had ceased, and although several persons advised me not to attempt it, yet I set out and after great difficulty, I reached Adugopala about noon. The people were much surprised, yet very glad to see me. When the small congregation had assembled I read the 10th chapter of the Acts, and preached upon the words: "and yet there is room," Luke 14, 22. After the sermon 19 persons, adults and children, were baptized. Among these were three aged grand-mothers with their children and grand-children. But these poor old people could not read. Their knowledge is but limited, and their faith but weak. Perhaps some may be dissatisfied that I received such persons into

communion with the church. But after they had stood so long a period of probation, it appeared to me advisable to yield to their earnest desire, and require such aged persons to wait no longer. The children attend the school, and with the blessing of God upon our labors, the future welfare of our newly organized church in the Palnaud, must depend upon the rising generation."

In the same letter he adds: "My last journey was on September 24, to Polipally and Macherla. In the latter place, divine service was held on Sunday, the 26th. After preaching on 2 Cor. 12, 2, thirteen persons were baptized. Among these was an old man of 60 years, who had long been angry with his son and son-in-law, simply because they had abandoned their idolatry, and joined the christian church. He seems now to be truly convinced of his error, and on this occasion, as far as we could judge, came as an humbled and penitent sinner, to receive the holy sacrament of baptism. He brought two of his sons with him, one 15 the other 5 years old. The first was received on probation, the other was baptized with the rest of the children."

In addition to the common schools, under regularly appointed teachers, which Br. Heyer superintends, he conducts a school himself, in which he instructs the children of christian parents, in the doctrines of the Saviour, and seeks to train them for the missionary work. During the last year one of these pupils was attacked with a severe sickness, which in a short time proved fatal. Br. Heyer feared, that the parents of the rest of his pupils would soon require them to return home, so that his school would have to be abandoned. This, however, has not yet happened. On the other hand, the number of pupils has increased since then, from 11 to 14; and some, who begged to be admitted to the school, had to be sent off for want of room, as 14 is the highest number the present arrangements will accommodate. All the children of this school and their parents have been baptized; and as they are now being trained in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, the hope is entertained, that they will be Christians not only in name, but in deed and in truth, faithful Christians, who will take an active part in the establishment of the kingdom of God in that benighted and idolatrous land.

Last year the houses of several believing brethren were destroyed by flames. Thus they lost all they had. The mission gave one Rupee to every family, and the believing brethren in the surrounding villages raised collections for the sufferers. Thus these Christians shew, that they are disposed to exercise that brotherly love, which Jesus taught, and in this manner to adorn their profession and to recommend it to their idolatrous countrymen.

Domestic Mission.

During the past year the following brethren have been laboring under the direction of the Executive Committee and have been aided from our treasury, viz: Messrs. Brandt, Wilken, C. M. Jæger, Heydenreich, Popp, H. S. Miller, Crist and Georgii.

Br. Brandt has been preaching to some congregations in Jefferson and Clearfield counties, Pa. From the first, he met with great opposition. Many attempted to overcome him by abuse, and to drive him

off by persecution. But he remained at his post and his labors have been blessed of the Lord.

Acting upon his advice, the congregation in Brady, Clearfield county, have built a new Lutheran church, which was consecrated October 17, 1852. This congregation has also, by great exertion, erected a convenient parsonage. Whoever compares the state of things in this congregation, with what it was a year ago, will see that a great improvement has taken place. The pastor spared no pains in the collection of funds from the neighboring Counties; and expects, with the favor of God, to pay off all the debts of the church, by collections to be gathered during the ensuing summer.

The congregation in Punxunstawny has already purchased a lot, and expects to lay the corner-stone for a new church on the 4th of June next. This church is to be like the one in Brady, a fine convenient building, 36 by 48 feet. In these two churches, there is the highest regard shewn to the office of the ministry; and the congregation in Brady, particularly, render to the pastor a generous support. In both, the holy sacraments and the venerable usages of our Ev. Lutheran church are held in high regard. The youth lead a moral quiet life, and only in regard to family religion does there appear to be a deficiency. Though many members live 4 and 5 miles from their church, yet the attendance at public worship is altogether praiseworthy.

The congregation in Paradise, Jefferson county, is not in such a good condition. Only a few families there have been faithful to their pastor, in the midst of his trials. The majority used the charges of the opposition as excuses, for neglecting the preaching of the word of God. During the past year the attendance at church has been very small. If things should not improve in this church, the few worthy members will most probably unite with the church in Brady, from which they are not far distant, and then the efforts of the pastor can be devoted wholly to those congregations that love the preaching of the word.

The congregation in Pinecreek township, Jefferson county, commonly called Emerich's settlement, though small, is a noble congregation. It consists of members from the counties of Berks, Montgomery and Northumberland, who still retain a grateful recollection of their former pastors. Though without a regular pastor, yet they built a small log-church some years ago. They stick to the German, and maintain the usages of the church in honor. Although they are far removed from me yet I expect to visit them every four weeks.

The following is the report of Br. Brandt, extending from June 6, 1852, to March 1, 1853. This field compasses 140 miles; congr. 4, preached 71 times, baptized 20, funerals 5, marriages 3, confirmed 8, communicants 217, hours of instruction for catechumens 52, visits to the sick 22, communion to the sick 2, number of families in 4 congregations 153, amount of collections for building the church in Brady, $285.

Br. Wilken still labors in the congregation of Wartburg, Morgan county, Tenn. Considerable disturbance was occasioned in this congregation, by the introduction of the new discipline, a printed copy of which was forwarded to the Synod. The opposition went so far, that the whole matter has been brought before a civil tribunal. The

opposers confessed their guilt in open court, were charged with all the expenses and promised to keep the peace. They were at the same time informed, that if they resorted to any other than lawful measures in the affairs of the church, the whole prosecution should be resumed against them. This was the end of the matter. Since then, they have generally desired to be restored to fellowship in the church, without the necessity of submitting to the humiliating measure, of personal application, which the discipline requires. It has been held advisable, to inform them, that the use of the means of grace in the church is always free for them; but that regular admission into fellowship with the church, must be, according to the rules of our discipline. On the other hand, the church had the satisfaction of receiving an application for membership from a Roman Catholic. He did this in the face of much opposition. At the time of confirmation, he made a solemn profession of his faith, before the congregation; and united with the church, in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. During the year 1852 Br. Wilken baptized 17, confirmed 5, married 5 pairs, has 92 communicants and attended 4 funerals. There is one week-day-school and one Sunday-school in the congregation. Br. Wilken remarks, that although there have not been so many pastoral acts recorded in the church book, as in former years, he yet has the hope, that it will be found, that a goodly number of names have been recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Br. Jæger who preaches in Wilmington, Del., reports as follows: "During the coming May, it will be one year, since, in obedience to a call from this congregation, and in reliance upon the help of God, to prosper my labors, I arrived in this place. Although, like all other pastors, I too, have many things yet to desire in behalf of my congregation, yet with true joy of heart, I can in general, bear good testimony for them. The morning and afternoon services on the Sabbath are always well, often very largely attended, and I cannot refrain from speaking of the very marked attention, with which the word is received. Since I have been in this church, I have preached twice, every Sunday, baptized 15 children, married 5 pairs, attended one funeral, and administered the Lord's Supper to 36 persons, who appear truly to have experienced the power of God's grace in their hearts. At present, I have one young man under instruction, and expect to confirm him after Easter. Like my predecessor, Br. Walz, I preach in a rented room for which the congregation pays every Sunday one dollar. The possession of a church of their own, could not be otherwise than beneficial; but the congregation being poor, in worldly goods, is not able to build one. We hope, that the Missionary Society, which has kindly assisted us so far, will still continue to aid us, and so prevent the congregation from being broken down. Should this kind encouragement be extended to us, if my life and health are preserved, I anticipate a prosperous future for the congregation.

Br. Heydenreich has been employed in the congregation at Manayunk since October 10, 1852. The location of the church, which is altogether unfavorable, and the impossibility of engaging the services of any person as leading singer, have made it necessary for him, to preach, as his predecessors had done, but one sermon on the Lord's day. This one service is, however, well attended, indeed much

better than under all the circumstances, Br. Heydenreich himself expected. The Sunday school numbering 40—50 children is held in the afternoon. On this occasion also Br. Heydenreich instructs the children. During the five months he has been here, he has baptized 5 children, administered the Lord's Supper to 14 persons, married one couple and preached on 6 funeral occasions. The report for the whole year is, baptized 17, funerals 12, marriages 5, confirmed 19, communicants 75. Notwithstanding their straitened circumstances, the support they give their minister, is an evidence of the kind and generous spirit that prevails in the congregation. The average contribution of each member is, in proportion to their means, such, as almost to put to shame many of the members of the rich German churches in Pennsylvania.

On October 10, 1852, the congregation consisted of 58 operatives in the factories, with their families. Since then, five new members, with their families, have been added to the church. If we consider, that about 30 Protestant families, and many single persons, partly immigrants, partly American Germans, reside in this vicinity, who do not, as yet, belong to the church, it will be seen, that there is material enough here, to build up a congregation, that should be able to sustain the preaching of the gospel, without foreign aid. But alas, many of them are unbelievers, and affect not to need a church. Br. Heydenreich is, however, almost convinced, that in about two years a faithful and judicious pastor could win many of them over, and attach them to the church. It is especially important, that the minister should reside in Manayunk, be familiar with the people of the place, so as to take advantage of every opportunity for strengthening believers, confirming the wavering, alarming the careless and restoring those, who have wandered from the church. Br. Heydenreich accordingly, expresses the wish, that the Synod may be pleased to continue its assistance to this church, for two years to come, on condition, not only, that the minister be a member of our Synod, but also that he take up his abode in Manayunk.

Br. Popp preaches in the congregation at Birmingham, to which he was unanimously called July 22, 1852. Upon entering into his office there, last September, he found the congregation in a disturbed state. They had been without a pastor for 6 months. Parties arose and opposed each other. In consequence of the difficulty they met with in obtaining a pastor, several having refused the call, many members left the church, thus reducing the number to 21. The credit of the congregation sank, the current expenses were unpaid, its property decreased in value, difficulties pressed it on every side, and many of the best members had but little hope of being able to continue the congregation.

With much prayer, and supplication, Br. Popp went to work, and endeavored especially, by earnestly preaching repentance to produce a genuine humbleness of heart amongst the people. At the same time, he encouraged them to exercise faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and in his power to help them. And the Lord did graciously assist him. Now, when he reflects upon what has been already done, he is constrained to say with joy: "The Lord has done great things for us that make us glad."

With the assistance of several dear brethren who sent, at different

times $90, the congregation was enabled to pay off $225 of its debt. Interest was also paid off amounting to $150. For the improvement of the music, a Melodeon of strong full tone has been purchased, for $75; and already $25 have been collected for painting the pews and the pulpit. When we reflect, that the members of this church are all poor laborers, whose monthly wages are not more than 15—20 dollars, the above facts shew a commendable zeal, both for the faith and the church. The truth seems also to affect their hearts. The word is heard with earnest attention, and the services of the Lord's house are frequented. The number of members is 25. Upon the whole the condition of the church in comparison with what it was 17 months ago is a joyful one. Nevertheless it is not yet out of danger. The debt still amounts to $3300, $625 of which must be paid on the first of April next. The payment of the interest weighs so heavily upon them, that they cannot pay their pastor for this year more than $160. The expenses of living are such, that with this salary, no minister can remain here, without the assistance of the Synod. Therefore, the Rev. Synod is respectfully requested, to grant to St. Paul's church in Birmingham, the sum of $100 in favor of their pastor, for this year. If the Lord should bless this church, as He has done, it will soon be strong enough, to support itself. But the present is a season of trial and difficulty. Therefore, seeking help of God, they also request Synod to remember their need.

Br. H. S. Miller is pastor of the church that was organized, some years ago, in Norristown. During the last year, his labors have been blessed of the Lord. 'Tis true, he has difficulties, owing partly, to the proselyting spirit of other denominations, partly, to the indifference and worldliness of many, who ought to belong to the congregation. Yet, the church has increased. He held catechetical lectures for some weeks, and on January 29, 1853, he confirmed 14 persons. On the following Sabbath he administered the Lord's Supper in the English language to 80 communicants. He expects shortly to do the same in the German language. The communicants, he believes, number at least 100. Before his time, there were never more than 40—50 present at the Lord's table at any one time. The pews in the church are not yet all rented.

Br. Crist has charge of the congregations in Mountjoy, Maytown, Marietta, Lancaster county, and Wrightsville, York county. He preaches also occasionally at Washington, and Newtown, Lancaster county. The congregation at Mountjoy is increasing. Eight persons have already joined it, and two others have lately applied for admission. Br. Crist preaches here every other Sunday, and often during the week. A prayer meeting is held every week, which is well attended. The Sunday-school is flourishing, and Br. Crist has been instructing a small number of catechumens for more than 3 months. In Maytown, the prospects are encouraging. Last New Year's day a small number were confirmed, and on Easter Sunday thirteen more were to be confirmed, of whom three are heads of families. The number in attendance at the exercises of public worship, has greatly increased, having advanced from 25 to 300—400. There is a prayer meeting every week and the Sunday-school numbers 150 scholars. The congregation has resolved to repair and improve the

church, in which work they will expend about $1000.—During the last quarter, Br. Crist has not been able to effect much in Marietta, as the church has been undergoing repair, and no place could be procured, suitable for preaching. The repairs have been quite lately finished, and the exercises of the Lord's day have been resumed. Although the repairs cost $1200 yet no debt oppresses the congregation. Br. Crist has the prospect of collecting a large and flourishing congregation in Marietta. In Wrightsville a new church will be erected, which will be somewhat larger than the new church in Columbia. There is a Sunday-school in the congregation, and the number attending the preaching of the word increases. Many of the most respectable members contemplate removing from Wrightsville, which will prove a loss to the congregation.

Br. Georgii preaches in Camden, New Jersey, where, upon the advice of the Brethren Reichert and Mann, he is endeavoring to organize a congregation. Somewhat over 50 German families have organized themselves into a church, and adopted a discipline, for their government, according to which, the pastor and the church must be in connection with the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania. Since the 21st September, Br. Georgii has preached regularly twice every Sunday, and on the Festivals. The services are well attended. In the afternoon he attends the Sunday-school, and also gives catechetical instruction to the young. The number of children is generally about 40. The meetings are held in a rented room, which, however, is often too small for the audience that attends. So strong is the disposition to build a church, that the pastor and vestry have already collected several hundred dollars for that purpose, and the Trustees are at the present time negotiating for the purchase of a lot of ground. Br. Georgii's pastoral report shews, baptized 11, confirmed 6, funerals 8. At Christmas and Easter the Lord's Supper was administered.

There are several hundred Germans in Camden. The City is increasing rapidly, and if they should succeed in the erection of a church, Br. Georgii is satisfied, that in the course of one or two years, the number of families would be doubled. The congregation is very zealous for the interests of our Lutheran church. The services are well attended, and with many has the word proven itself to be the power of God, leading them to holiness of life. True, Br. Georgii as yet receives very poor compensation, although many have contributed towards his support, according to their ability, yea and beyond their ability. Br. Georgii contemplates opening a German school in the coming summer. Though the congregation is ready to do all it can for the support of its own pastor, yet as the collections are going on this year, for the building of a church, they respectfully request some assistance for their pastor, out of the Missionary treasury, hoping, in future, to be able to support him themselves.

The Germans in New Germany, Atlantic county, New Jersey, through which settlement the Cape May Rail Road passes, 28 miles from Camden, have invited Br. Georgii to visit them, for the purpose of administrating the Lord's Supper, and consecrating their church. These people are poor. Br. Georgii replied, that he would be ready to visit them after the meeting of Synod; and, that he would be willing to preach for them several times a year, upon condition, that

they would first truly organize themselves into an Evangelical Lutheran church and elect a church council.

At the meeting of Synod 1851, $100 of our Missionary funds were voted to certain Swedish churches in the West. The object of this was, to assist a Swedish brother who was expected to come as a Missionary from Sweden. This brother after an unexpected delay, arrived last fall, united with the Swedish Ev. Luth. Synod of Northern Illinois, and since the end of last October, has the pastoral care of the Swedish churches in Galesburg and Knoxville and vicinity. Br. Esbjorn has commended him highly and has asked for the $100 on his behalf. The money has been forwarded to him.

Br. Mühlhæuser in Milwaukee has asked that $25 traveling expenses should be granted, out of our funds, in favor of a brother, who is about taking charge of congregations in Wisconsin, but cannot raise the means for reaching them—he also pleads for some aid for churches in Wisconsin, that are too poor to support a preacher. His letter will be laid before Synod.

Canada and Texas Missions.

At the last meeting of the Society, the sum of $400 was voted to the Pittsburg Synod, to aid that body in their missionary assertions among the German immigrants in Canada and Texas. This sum has been faithfully applied in equal sums, under the direction of the Mission Committee of that Synod, and regular reports have been received by them from the missionaries under their care. These reports indicate an encouraging progress in the mission work among our long neglected brethren in the faith, and strengthen the conviction, that if the cause receive the fostering care of the church for a few years—numerous flourishing and self-sustaining churches can be established, both in Texas and Canada.

The Canada mission consists of three district missions in Home and Wellington districts, in Canada West, which are under the care of the Rev. Messrs. C. F. Diehl, F. Fishburn, and E. Wuster. They have under their care seven organized churches and a number of stations, where it is designed to organize congregations ere long. In the entire field a deep religious interest seems to prevail, but owing to the long neglect of most of these places, there are many and painful difficulties to be overcome, before the decay and desolation of former years is repaired. As encouraging facts, mentioned in the reports of the missionaries, it might be mentioned, that one church has been consecrated, another repaired, a third organized, a fourth has erected a parsonage, a fifth congregation are erecting a neat house of worship, in place of one which has fallen into ruins.

On the Texas mission, the sum of $200 has been divided between the Rev. Ph. Hinzelman, of Fredericksburg, Rev. H. Braschler, of New Braunfels, Rev. Mr. Ebinger, of Spring Creek, Harris county, and Rev. H. Wendt, of Galveston, all of whom are laboring with success among the large immigrant German population in that State. As the reports of these brethren have been published in the "Missionary," we need not add further particulars.

For the aid thus tendered, both the Mission Committee of the Pittsburg Synod, and these brethren, tender their most sincere thanks to our Society.

May the Lord Jesus Christ, the great Head of the Church, look graciously upon our efforts to promote his kingdom upon earth, and add his blessing to the same.

I. *Resolved*, That this report be adopted by Synod and that it be read this evening at the celebration of the Anniversary of the Missionary Society.

II. *Resolved*, That the report be handed to the Rev. F. A. M. Keller, that he may, if he thinks proper, read it in his (St. James) church to-morrow evening.

SECOND SESSION.

ANNUAL MISSIONARY CELEBRATION

OF THE

SYNOD OF PENNSYLVANIA.

On Tuesday evening the fifth of April, the members of the Synod and a numerous congregation assembled in Trinity church, Reading, for the purpose of holding their Annual Missionary Meeting. The services were commenced with the singing of an Anthem by the Choir, after which the congregation united in singing part of the Missionary Hymn: "From Greenland's icy mountains", and in a fervent prayer by Rev. G. F. Krotel. The Rev. J. H. Menges then read the first part of the above report on Heathen Missions, in the English language, which was followed by an address to the congregation by Br. W. M. Baum, in which he set forth in true and striking language the deplorable condition of the heathen world, directed the attention to that promise of the Redeemer which is now in progress of fulfilment, namely, that "the kingdoms of this world *shall* become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ, and that He *shall* reign for ever and ever"; and urged it upon all, as the sacred duty of all, to evince themselves as the active, zealous and faithful instruments in the hands of God, by employing those means and gifts with which Providence had blessed them, in sending and supporting the gospel among the Heathen, that these our benighted fellow creatures, may be gradually converted from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God.

The Rev. Dr. Baker then read the second part of the report, on Home Missions, in the German language, whereupon Br. Wenzel spake with much feeling in reference to the many thousands of our immigrated brethren in the faith, who are scattered over every part of our extensive country, and particularly over the great West, and who are destitute of the preaching of the gospel, the sacraments of the church and all other church privileges, and whose condition must, from the very nature of these circumstances, become more and more deplorable from time to time. He remarked—and that with truth—that these people look to *us*, as their more fortunate brethren in this respect, to send unto them "the Bread of Life"—that "the burden" rests on us, to gather together those who have departed from the "House of the Lord" and their children, and to unite them with us in the holy fellowship of the true faith, and in conclusion this brother

earnestly admonished all, to participate in a work, which, with the help of the Lord, must produce the most blessed and everlasting results for the church of the Redeemer.

After prayer and the singing of a hymn, the congregation was dismissed with the benediction.

O, may all who were present at this meeting, and all, who shall read this report, feel themselves constrained by the love of Christ, to labor with more zeal and greater fidelity for the temporal and eternal welfare of our brethren in the faith and also for the conversion and salvation of a sinful world.

Missionary Business continued.

III. *Resolved*, That our delegates to the General Synod be instructed to direct the attention of that body to the establishment of missions among the immigrants in our sea-port cities.

IV. *Resolved*, That the petition of Br. Passavant in behalf of the missions in Canada and Texas, be recommended to the favorable regard of the Executive Committee, and that the committee afford such aid to these missions, in the present year, as our means will allow.

V. *Resolved*, That the appropriation, designed for the congregation at Catspring, Texas, be not transmitted until the Executive Committee shall have been convinced, that the rumors circulated in regard to Mr. Bergman's entertaining infidel sentiments, are entirely without foundation.

VI. *Resolved*, That all applications for aid from the Missionary fund, be referred to the Executive Committee and that the committee be authorized to act according to their discretion.

III. MINISTERIAL BUSINESS.

FIRST SESSION.

Wednesday Evening, 8 *o'clock.*

Prayer by Rev. C. W. Schæffer. — The Brethren J. Medtart and D. Maier obtained permission to leave in the morning.

The brethren to whom the journals and sermons of the Candidates Ch. C. A. Brandt, G. W. Scheide, J. F. Hornberger, C. Nitterauer Adelbert Rüter were referred for examination, reported they found the same fully satisfactory.

Report of the Examining Committee.

In compliance with the instructions of Synod, the Examining Committee have examined the following named persons, namely: Messrs. John L. Crumbaugh, Jacob Fry, Jacob Wright, Benjamin W. Schmauk, George F. Gærtner and Frederick O. Merbitz. The subjects of the examination embraced the Greek and Hebrew languages, Church History, Exegesis, Dogmatics, Homiletics, and the views and motives of the applicants themselves in seeking the office of the Ministry. The committee is happy in being able to report that the applicants

gave such evidence of a sufficient acquaintance with the several specified branches of Theology as to justify the committee in recommending them for licensure.

The Rev. Julius Ehrhard, an ordained pastor, furnished with satisfactory testimonials, was admitted to a colloquium. The committee have no hesitation in recommending, that Rev. Mr. Ehrhard be received as a member of this body.

J. W. Richards.
G. A. Reichert.
W. J. Mann.
C. F. Schæffer.
E. Peixoto.
C. W. Schæffer.

I. *Resolved*, That the report of the committee be adopted, and the above named applicants be received as Candidates of the Ministerium.

II. *Resolved*, That the licenses of Candidates C. Nitterauer and Adelbert Rüter be renewed until to next annual meeting of the Ministerium.

III. *Resolved*, That Candidates Ch. C. A. Brandt, Gustavus A. Hinterleitner and J. F. Hornberger receive ordination to-morrow evening after the ordinary services in the church.

IV. *Resolved*, That Rev. Messrs. A. G. Georgii, B. M. Schmucker, G. W. Laitzle, and Julius Ehrhard be received as members of the Ministerium.

V. *Resolved*, That it be earnestly recommended to all our candidates who are not acquainted with the German language, to make themselves acquainted with it as soon as possible, in order that they may be able, if necessary, also to preach in that language.

VI. *Resolved*, That Br. Kleiss be advised to unite with the Synod, nearest to his present residence, but in case he thinks, that he can labor with more success for the church, by being connected with our Synod, we will cheerfully receive him as a member of this Ministerium.

The *Seventh Committee* reported on a certain matter, which was deferred to the Ministerial session, as follows:

a) That, according to the evidences presented to us, which contain serious charges against Br. C. J. Barnitz, we were scarcely able, to express a decision in the case before us.

b) That we therefore propose, that this whole matter be referred again to the Conference of the Fourth District for further investigation, and that that conference have full power to act in the case according to their best judgment.

Very respectfully,

W. J. Mann.
C. A. Hay.
C. F. Schæffer.
W. M. Baum.

VII. *Resolved*, That this report be adopted and the President be requested to attend the meeting of the said Conference District.

Adjourned. Prayer by Dr. Schæffer.

SECOND SESSION.

Thursday, 12 *o'clock, M.*

The minutes of the preceeding session were read and adopted.

Rev. C. F. Welden reported on the sermons and journal of Cand. W. Rath, that they afford proofs of activity in his office, and also of his attention to the resolution which accompanied his reception; that it is nevertheless very desirable, that he should also in future pay particular regard to the tenor of that resolution.

VIII. *Resolved*, That the license of Cand. Rath be renewed.

Whereas Br. T. Kleiss again expressed his desire to be connected with our Ministerium, it was therefore

IX. *Resolved*, That he be received as a member of this Ministerium, as soon as he shall have handed to the President an honorable dismission from the Synod of Texas.

The Brethren H. S. Miller, Bahl, Stein, and Mr. L. Bremer obtained leave of absence.

Adjourned. Prayer by Br. Krotel.

SERVICES OF THE SANCTUARY — SERMON — ORDINATION — CONFERRING OF LICENSES, &c.

Thursday Evening, 7½ *o'clock.*

The congregation and the Ministerium assembled in the church for the worship of Almighty God. Rev. E. Peixoto preached from Genesis 3, 1—6. After the sermon Messrs. Ch. C. A. Brandt, Gustavus A. Hinterleitner and J. F. Hornberger approached the Altar, and were solemnly set apart and *ordained* to the Ministry of Reconciliation by the laying on of the Hands and by Prayer of the President and the other officers of the Ministerium.

Messrs. John C. Crumbaugh, Jacob Fry, Jacob Wright, Benjamin W. Schmauk, Geo. F. Gærtner and Frederick O. Merbitz then came to the Altar. The President read to them their duties as Candidates of the Ministerium, and upon their solemn promise faithfully to fulfill them, gave them permission and authority to preach the gospel and to administer the Holy Sacraments in the congregations to which they have been appointed to minister.

In conclusion the President presented in the name of the Synod, the most cordial thanks of the brethren, to the congregation of Reading for the kindness and hospitality which they manifested to us during our Convention, and pronounced the blessing of the Lord upon all.

LAST SESSION.

After the close of the Synodical business, the Ministerium held its final session.

X. *Resolved*, That the license of Cand. G. W. Scheide be renewed, however, that the President admonish him to be more careful in future, in his conduct, and that he be placed under the supervision of Dr. Richards and Br. Mennig.

XI. *Resolved*, That Daniel Kohler's name be striken from the list of our minutes.

XII. *Resolved*, That Rev. Feysel's attention be directed to the resolution of our last Synod in reference to himself.

XIII. *Resolved*, That the Fourth Conference District shall meet in Millerstown, on the first Monday in May.

Hereupon the President stated that the business of the Ministerium had been brought to a close.

And now the whole Ministerium bowed before the Lord and Great Head of the church, and on bended knees, united with the President in a fervent prayer to Him who has thus far graciously led, and helped, and blessed us, and Whose promises continue to comfort and encourage and strengthen, and establish us in his service, and are abundantly able to save us for ever; and in this midnight hour, once more invoked the blessing of the Lord, upon the labors of His ministers.

May the Lord be with his church for ever, augment the number of her worthy members and her true ministers, pour out his Holy Spirit more abundantly upon them and unite them more intimately and firmly in the bonds of the true faith—that they all may know and acknowledge that there is only *One Holy Christian Church* in which is the *Communion* of the Saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the sure hope of eternal life, and that they all may feel themselves strengthened, by the Grace of God in Christ Jesus, to live, and labor, and contend, and suffer, and die in His service, so that they may at last live and reign with their Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

I do hereby testify, that the above is a correct account of the transactions of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States, convened in the city of Reading, from the 3d to the 7th of April, A. D. 1853.

AUGUSTUS THEODOSIUS GEISSENHAINER,
Secretary of the Ministerium.

APPENDIX I.

No. 1. PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

NAMES OF THE MINISTERS according to the date of their ordination.	Congregations.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Communicants.	Burials.	Schools. Congregation	Schools. Sunday	Contributions. Synodical Treasury.	Contributions. Missionary Treasury generally.	Contributions. Heathen Mission especially.	Contributions. Education Fund.	REMARKS.
Rev. D. Ulrich,												
" W. Bætis, Sen. Min.	1	62	15	422	29		1	$8 37½				
" J. C. Baker, D. D.*	1											* St. Lukes church, Philadelphia, just taken charge of.
" J. W. Hemping,									$3 00			
" J. J. Strein,												
" F. W. Geissenhainer,	1	292	64	900	250	1	2					
" H. G. Stecher,	2	22		300	28		1	1 00	6 00			
" S. Trumbauer,	4	69	13	340	32		2	3 00	11 08			
" C. R. Demme, D. D.,												
" G. A. Reichert,	1							47 73		*$80 00		* From the Juvenile Missionary Society of St. Michael's and Zion's church in Philadelphia for schools under Missionary Heyer in India.
" W. J. Mann,												
" S. A. Mealy,												
" J. Stein,	7	160	43	960	81		5	1 00	6 00			
" G. F. J. Jæger,	8	135	82	800	45	8	1	3 00	15 00			
" E. Peixoto,	3	79	64	527	29			2 00	8 66			
" W. J. Eyer,	6	141	81	571	21		2	2 00	12 40			
" J. W. Richards, D. D.	1	77	67	449	37	1	2		40 08	*38 35		* From the Sunday-school for schools in India under Br. Heyer.
" Jesaias Bahl,	8	92		600	32		2					
" H. S. Miller,	1	15	19	110	12		1		9 00			
" C. P. Miller,	5	60	49	500	30		5	4 00	6 00			
" J. Medtart,	2	10		180				1 00	5 00			
" W. B. Kæmmer,	6	105	71	900	41		3	5 00	5 00			
" Joshua Jæger,	5	89	67	898	35							
" C. F. Schæffer, D. D.	1	132	36	350	49		3	5 00	22 06	*10 69		* From the Sunday-school for the schools in India.
" J. B. Gross,												

Rev. J. Rœller,									10 00			
" G. Schulze,												
" J. Schindel,												
" C. F. Welden,	4	51	25	580				*4 50	*20 00			*Namely Bethlehem $14 14, Altona $6 72, Bushkill $3 54, Dryland $10 00.
" A. Fuchs,	5	86	24	300	21	3	4	1 00	29 00			
" J. C. Barnitz,												
" C. W. Schæffer,	1	11		220	27		1	1 62½	41 00			
" L. G. Eggers,	2	36		450	24		2	1 00	18 45			
" G. M. Merz,												
" W. G. Mennig,	3	77	33	331	37		3	2 00		*62 00		*$11 57 of this amount from the Sunday-school for Mrs. Gunn's school.
" C. F. Stœver,												
" A. T. Geissenhainer,	1	12	11	104	7		1		5 00			
" J. F. Wilken,												
" J. Vogelbach,	4	84	115	1352	31	4	5	2 00	14 75	44 00		
" C. A. Hay,	1	26	12	335	40		3		*67 00			*$50 from the Sunday-school.
" E. A. Bauer,	7	123	90	787	56			2 00	21 63			
" F. A. M. Keller,	3	153	58	580	20		2	2 00	*53 00			*$43 from the Sunday-school.
" C. F. F. Sallman,	4	105	19	396	52		1					
" C. L. Erle,												
" J. H. Mengert,												
" G. A. Wenzel,	3	21	34	545	18		2		28 50			
" H. Garlichs,												
" C. G. A. Neumann,												
" J. Kohler,	1	7	11	115	11		1	2 00	10 00			
" C. Rees,	6	83	40	250	16	1	3	4 00				
" N. Jæger,	5							3 00	*10 00	*47 59	*20 00	*$30 of this amount are from the congregations which belong to the Berrysburg pastoral district of which $20 are to be paid to Dr. Gilbert for education purposes, and $10 to Rev. Esbjorn. The balance from the Swamp congregation for Missionary Heyer's schools.
" J. B. Crist,	4	14	24	114	16		3					
" J. C. Schmidt,	4	65			18		2		6 25			
" A. Bergner,												
" P. F. Feysel,												
" W. Heilig,												
" C. A. F. Popp,	1	17	3	140	6	1	1					
" F. Walz,	5	44	37	318	22		4	2 39	21 00			
" A. Lachenmeyer,												
" W. Weaver,	2	9		300	7		2	1 00	6 50			

Rev. Martin Sondhaus,	3	13		69	9		2				
" L. Heydenreich,									*3 47		*From the congregation of Manayunk.
" D. Maier,	3	46	14	245	24	1	1	2 00	9 00		
" J. Naschold,									1 00		
" C. M. Jæger,									15 00		
" S. K. Brobst,	2	30		96				1 00	6 00		
" W. M. Baum,											
" G. F. Miller,	3	98	76	650	111		3	5 00	30 00		
" G. F. Krotel,	2	80	33	560	28		2	8 00	74 00		
" T. T. Jæger,	7	124	38	600	45		6	1 00	35 00		
" R. S. Wagner,	7	73	62	550	26	5	5	2 00			
" J. H. Menges,	1	30	20	100	22		2	2 00	10 00		
" J. Clemens Miller,	2	21	1	275	17		2	3 00	*25 00		*$15 of this for the Swedish Luth. churches under Rev. Mr. Esbjorn.
" W. G. Laitzle,	5	22		200	15			1 25	18 00		
" A. G. Georgii,	2										
" B. M. Schmucker,											
" Julius Ehrhard,											
" Theob. Kleiss,									3 76		
Cand. C. C. A. Brandt,	3	20	8	217	5	1					
" G. W. Scheide,	3	85	23	245	38	1	3	1 00	5 25		
" G. A. Hinterleitner,	2	51	49	320	18		2	2 00	8 00		
" J. F. Hornberger,	3	44	65	223	20			1 88	1 88		
" D. Garver,*											*Professor in the Illinois State University, Springfield.
" C. Nitterauer,	1	4	6	30	5		1	1 00	9 00		
" A. Rueter,	3	35		131	2		2	2 00	*4 00		*Of this $1 from the Sunday-school.
" Wm. Rath,	5	102	50	583	47		1				
" J. L. Crumbach,											
" Jacob Fry,											
" Jacob Wright,											
" Benj. W. Schmauk,											
" Geo. W. F. Gærtner,											
" Fried. O. Morbitz. (92)											

From Trinity church, Lancaster, $10 for the Synodical treasury, and $95 03 for the Missionary treasury; from Mr. L. A. Wollenweber, proceeds of the Hymn book by Rev. G. A. Reichert $20 44, for the Synodical treasury; from Mrs. Dorothea Wollenweber, proceeds of the Hymn book by Rev. G. A. Reichert $55 28, for the Synodical treasury; collected at the Missionary Anniversary in Reading (Trinity church) $36 12, for the Missionary treasury.

No. 2. Alphabetical Register of the Ministers belonging to the Synod, together with their Post Offices and Congregations.

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.	Cgr.	NAMES OF THE CONGREGATIONS.
Bætis, W., Senior Min.	Lancaster, Pa.	1	Zion's congregation, Lancaster, (German.)
Bahl, J.	Berwick, Columbia county,	8	Berwick, Briarcreek, Mifflin, St. Paul, Orangeville, Newport, Nescopeck, Wapwallopeck.
Barnitz, J. C.	Millersville, Lancaster county,	3	Kesselhill, Rohnerstown, Vogenville.
Bauer, E. A.	Lehighton, Carbon county,	7	West Penn, East Penn, Mahoning, Weissport, St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill, Rosstown.
Baker, J. C., D. D.	Philadelphia,	1	St. Lucas, (English.)
Bergner, A.	Greenbriar, Northumberland county,	5	Himmel's, Peter's, Simon's, St. Paul's and St. John's.
Brandt, C. C. A.	Luthersburg, Clearfield county,	4	Luthersburg, &c.
Brobst, S. K.	Allentown, Pa.		Editor of the "Jugendfreund."
Baum, W. M.	Barrenhill, Montgomery county,	1	Barrenhill.
Crist, G. B.	Mountjoy, Dauphin county,	4	Mountjoy, Maytown, Manheim, Marietta.
Crumbach, J. L.	Lancaster, Lancaster county,	1	Lancaster.
Demme, C. R., D. D.	Philadelphia,	1	St. Michael's, Zion's and St. Paul's church—one congregation.
Eggers, L. G.	Stouchsburg, Berks county,	2	Tulpehoccon, Rœhrersburg.
Ehrhard, Julius,	Chambersburg, Franklin county,	1	Chambersburg.
Erle, C. L.	Cherry, Sullivan county,	4	Zion's, Belatimer, Friedens, Christ.
Eyer, W. J.	Cattawissa, Columbia county,	6	Cattawissa, St. John, Roaringcreek, Fisher's, Mahoning, New Columbia.
Fry, Jacob,	Trappe, Montgomery county,		
Fuchs, A.	Bath, Northampton county,	5	Bath, St. John, Plainfield, Union, Emanuel's.
Focht, J. R.	Donegal, Westmoreland county,	3	Donegal, Legomonard, India Creek.
Garlichs, Herman	Brooklyn, N. Y.	1	Brooklyn.
Gærtner, Geo. F.			
Geissenhainer, F. W.	No. 76 East 14th Street, New York	1	New York.
Geissenhainer, A. T.	Trenton, N. J.	1	Trenton.
Georgii, A. G.	Camden, N. J.	2	Camden, &c.
Gross, J. B.	Fayette, Seneca county, N. Y.	3	Seneca, Christ, Elsass, in Seneca and Yates counties.
Garver, D.	Springfield, Ill.		Springfield, Illinois University.
Hay, C. A.	Harrisburg, Pa.	1	Harrisburg, (English.)
Heilig, W.	Middletown, Lancaster county,		
Hemping, J. W.	Millerstown, Dauphin county,		
Heydenreich, Louis	Bethlehem, Northampton county,		No congregations.
Hinterleitner, G.	Kutztown, Berks county,	2	Kutztown, New Jerusalem.
Hornberger, J.	Longvalley, Chestnuthill, Monroe co.,	3	Chestnut Hill, Ross, Jerusalem.
Jæger, G. F. J.	Hamburg, Berks county, Pa.	8	Hamburg, Zion's, Frieden's, Paul, Bethel, Peter's Kroll's Dunkel church.
Jæger, Joshua	Allentown, Pa.	6	Christ, Friedens, &c.
Jæger, T. T.	Womelsdorf, Berks county,	8	Womelsdorf, Meyerstown, Union, Bellersman, North Heidelberg, Millerstown, New Berner.
Jæger, N.	New Hanover, Montgomery county,	5	Falkner Swamp, Boyer's, Sassaman's, Kieler's, &c.
Jæger, C. M.	Wilmington, Del.	1	Wilmington.
Kæmmer, W. B.	Richlandtown, Bucks county, Pa.	6	Flattland, Hilltown, Ridgeroad, Bedminster, Williamstown, &c.
Keller, F. A. M.	Reading, Berks county,	3	Reading, &c.
Kleiss, Theob.	Johnstown, Cambria county,		
Kohler, J.	New Holland, Lancaster county,	1	New Holland.
Krotel, G. F.	Lebanon, Lebanon county,	3	Lebanon, Meyerstown, Millerstown.
Lachenmeyer, A.	Chambersburg, Franklin county,	1	John's.
Laitzle, G. W.	Palmyra, Lebanon county,	5	Palmyra, Cambellstown, Deposit, Bindnagel's, Schell's.
Mann, W. J.	Philadelphia, Pa.	1	(See Dr. Demme's Report.) Third preacher in the same congregation.

Maier, D.	Harrisburg, Pa.	1	Harrisburg, (German.)
Mealy, S. A.	Canton, Stark county, Ohio		
Medtart, J.	Blue Bell, Montgomery county,	2	St. John in Whitpain and St. Peter's.
Mengert, J. H.	Baltimore, Md.	1	Baltimore.
Merbitz, Fried. O.			
Merz, G. M.	Chambersburg, Pa.		
Miller, G. F.	Pottstown, Montgomery county,	3	Pottstown, Amity, Limerick.
Miller, H. S.	Norristown, Montgomery county,	1	Norristown.
Miller, J. Clemens	Phœnixville, Pa.	2	St. Peter's, Zion's, Chester county.
Miller, C. P.	Bucksville, Bucks county,	5	Nockamixon, Durham, Springfield, Tinicum, Red Hill.
Mennig, W. G.	Pottsville, Schuylkill county,	3	Pottsville, Schuylkill Haven, Minersville.
Menges, J. H.	Columbia, Lancaster county,	1	Columbia, (English.)
Neuman, C. G. A.	Upper Mahantongo, Schuylkill county,	7	Klinger's Deepcreek, Little Mahony, Hochwærter's, Miller's, &c.
Nitterauer, C.	Dauphin county, Pa.	1	Dauphin.
Naschold, J.	Chambersburg, Franklin county,	1	Chambersburg.
Peixoto, E.	Tylersport, Montgomery county,	3	Old Goschenhoppen, Indianfield, Tohickon.
Popp, C. A. F.	Buchanan, Pa.	1	Birmingham, near Pittsburg.
Reichert, G. A.	Philadelphia, Pa.	1	(See Dr. Demme's Report.) Second preacher in the same congregation.
Richards, J. W., D. D.	Reading, Berks county,	1	Reading.
Rœller, J.	Kutztown, Berks county,	8	Mosillem, Coxtown, Merz, Longswamp, Maxatawny, Albany, Hereford.
Rees, C.	Brickersville, Lancaster county,	6	Emanuel's, Jerusalem, Whiteoak, Manheim, Muddycreek, Swamp.
Rath, W.	Orefield, Lehigh county,	5	
Rueter, Adelbert,	Petersburg, Lancaster county,	3	Petersburg, Roehrerstown, Millerstown.
Sallman, C. F. F.	Conyngham, Luzerne county,	4	Conyngham, Hazleton, St. John, Rush.
Schæffer, C. F., D. D.	Easton, Pa.	1	Easton.
Schæffer, C. W.	Germantown, Pa.	1	Germantown.
Schindel, J.	South Whitehall, Lehigh county,	8	Jordan, Trexlerstown, Ziegel, Union, Weissenburg, Lowhill, Heidelberg, Fogelsville.
Schmidt, J. C.	Bernville, Berks county,	4	St. Jerusalem, St. Michael's, North Kill, Christ.
Schmucker, B. M.	Allentown, Lehigh county,	1	Allentown.
Schulz, G.	Williamsport, Lycoming county,	4	Emanuel, Nippenose, Trinity, Newburg.
Scheide, G. W.	Hamburg, Berks county,	3	Sommerberg, Port Clinton, Hamburg.
Schmauck, Benj. W.	Philadelphia, Pa.		
Sell, D.	Rossville, York county,	4	Rossville, &c.
Stecher, H. G.	Hummelstown, Dauphin county,	2	Hummelstown, Hill church.
Stein, J.	Jonestown, Lebanon county,	7	Jonestown and vicinity.
Strein, J. J.	Lancaster, Pa.	5	Strassburg, Columbia, Rechnerstown, Conestoga, Centre.
Stœver, C. F.	Dauphin, Dauphin county,	3	Dauphin, &c.
Trumbauer, S.	Leacock, Lancaster county,	4	Zion, Centre, Bergstrass, Reamstown.
Ulrich, D.	Stouchstown, Berks county,	2	
Vogelbach, J.	Allentown, Lehigh county,	5	Allentown, Milford, Upper and Lower Saucon, Salzburg.
Wagner, R. S.	Reading, Pa.	7	Elsass, Zion, Schwarzwald, Alleghany, Wyomissing, Epler's, Gernant's.
Walz, F.	Pottsville, Schuylkill county,	4	Pottsville, Port Carbon, Jerusalem, &c.
Wenzel, G. A.	Trappe, Montgomery county,	3	Trappe, Towamencin, Keelys.
Welden, C. F.	Bethlehem, Northampton county,	5	Salem, Trinity, St. Thomas, Bethlehem, Arndt's.
Weaver, W.	Bloomsburg, Columbia county,	1	Bloomsburg.
Wilken, J. F.	Wartburg, Morgan county, East Ten.	1	Wartburg.
Wright, Jacob,			
Zeumer, J. C.	Pittsburg, Pa.	1	Pittsburg.

APPENDIX II.

The committee appointed at the last annual meeting of Synod to devise a plan for a Mutual Assistance Fund in the Evang. Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, report the following:

THE LUTHERAN MUTUAL ASSISTANCE SOCIETY.

ART. I. This Society shall consist of all Lutherans of good standing, and connected by membership with an Evangelical Lutheran congregation or ministerium in the United States, and who, upon being properly recommended, shall have a majority of the votes of the Trustees of the Society, and shall pay the sum of *Twenty Five Dollars* on their admission, and Five Dollars annually in advance.

Every such member shall receive a certificate of his membership, duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees, and sealed with the corporate seal of the Society.

ART. II. This Society shall take proper measures to obtain an Act of Incorporation as soon as possible, and shall be under the direction of nine Trustees, three of whom shall be annually elected for a term of three years. The said Trustees to have the power to fill all vacancies ad interim.

The Board of Trustees shall annually elect a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, under whose supervision all the business of the Society shall be transacted and recorded.

ART. III. The whole amount of the initiation fees, together with one half of all the annual contributions and one half of all the annual interests and income, together with the proceeds from the sale of the Hymn book, shall every year be placed at interest on Bond and Mortgage of Real Estate of at least double the value the amount thus loaned, or invested in good Stocks yielding a safe annual income; which monies thus loaned or invested shall constitute a permanent and increasing fund.

2. The other half of the annual contributions, together with the other half of the annual interests and income arising from the monies invested as aforesaid, and after deducting the incidental expenses, shall be equally divided every six months among the infirm and disabled ministers being members of the Society, and among the widows and orphans of deceased members of the Society, in sums not exceeding $200 per annum. Should at any time a surplus remain over and above the dividend aforesaid, such surplus shall be added to the capital.

3. Those persons uniting with this Society within two years from its first establishment, shall be entitled to a share of the dividends after having been one year member thereof; and in the event of their death during the said year, their families shall be entitled to the same privileges. But those who do not connect themselves with the Society until after the termination of the first two years, are required to be members of the said Society for the full term of three years before they or their families can or shall be entitled to any of its advantages.

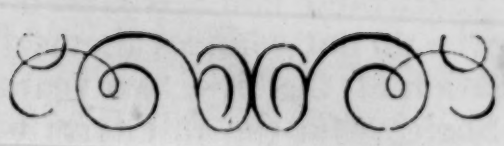
And should any member die before the expiration of the first three years from the time of his connecting himself with the said Society, then his widow and orphans shall not be entitled to any share in the annual dividend, but his share shall be considered as merged in the general fund. If, however, the family of such deceased member be in poor and indigent circumstances, then the Trustees shall have the right to refund to the widow or orphans of such deceased member, the amount of contribution together with the initiation fee of Twenty Five Dollars, paid by or for such deceased minister (member) out of the surplus remaining after the semi-annual dividends have been paid.

Art. IV. A full statement of the number of members and also of the state of the funds shall be given every year to all the Synods or Ministeriums in which there are members of this Society; and the books of the Society shall at all times be open to the inspection of any of its members.

Art. V. Any Evangelical Lutheran Synod or any Evangelical Lutheran congregation, or any individual may pay the initiation fee and annual contributions for any Lutheran minister, or person whom they may name in accordance with Art. I. The proceeds arising from the sale of the Hymn book shall or may be disposed of in the same way by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania.

Art. VI. Infirm or disabled ministers (or persons) are those, who by reason of old age or long continued sickness are so proven to the satisfaction of the Trustees. And after the decease of a member, his widow so long as she live and remain unmarried, but if she die or marry again, then this children, until the youngest be fourteen years of age, shall be fully entitled to the dividend of such member's share. This applies to all widows and orphans of full members of the Society according to Art. III. §. 3. But if a widow of a member marry again she forfeits all right and claim to any dividends or advantages of the Society.

Art. VII. If a member neglect to pay his annual contributions in advance he shall be notified thereof by the Secretary, and be required to pay interest thereon at the rate of six per cent, during the time of the first year; but if, at the commencement of the second year, he neglect to pay the annual contribution of the previous year with the interest thereon still due, and also the annual contribution of the second year in advance, then, and in that case, he shall forfeit all share in the dividends and advantages of the Society, and his name shall be taken from the list of members.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Geissenhainer,
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C. W. Schæffer,
Committee.